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Volunteer crisis puts group in jeopardy

A VITAL lifeline to elderly people around Oswestry is in danger of folding, volunteers have revealed.

The Oswestry Contact the Elderly group takes older people to regular afternoon teas - with the occasion often being the only social activity many of the members enjoy from one month to the next.

But volunteers say unless more drivers are found to bring the elderly people to the teas it will be 'just a matter of time' before the service has to be closed down.

The group says it is in urgent need of help with the driving, as some of the drivers have had to retire.

Group volunteer co-ordinator Hannah Guntrip said the organisation had been going for three years and helps people in Oswestry, St Martins and Gobowen.

Mrs Guntrip said: "The group meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

"Volunteer drivers each pick up one or two elderly people and go along with them to a volunteer host's home where they all enjoy afternoon tea and a good chat. It would be such a shame to close, as the outings make such a difference to the elderly guests. It is just a matter of time before we close if we can't find more volunteers because we can't carry on as we are."

Anyone who can help is asked to call either Liz Morgan on (01938) 810635 or Hannah Guntrip on (01691) 773410.

Protest over power lines

MORE than 300 people packed into the biggest public meeting yet staged in Shropshire to fight controversial plans for a 30-mile power line across the region.

And newly-promoted Environment Secretary Owen Paterson told campaigners they could win the battle in Shropshire by winning the fight against wind-farms in Mid Wales.

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GOLF CLUB CLOSES AS BUYER BID FAILS

CHIRK Golf Club has closed after administrators failed to find a buyer for the troubled business.

The club had been put up for sale after Birmingham-based insolvency specialist Begbies Traynor was appointed in August to run Myddleton Leisure Limited, the operating company.

The club went on sale with immediate effect, with its owner Guy Myddleton, also the company's sole director, working with the administrators to find buyers.

The club hit trouble after the heavy rain this summer saw a drop in the number of users on the course.

Mr Myddleton, who built the 18-hole course in 1992, said at the time: "It has been a very difficult decision. Trading conditions for Chirk Golf Club had been made more difficult this year by the terrible summer weather, which has affected the number of visiting golfers."

The golf club employed seven staff and had a membership of nearly 300. It is understood that the staff were informed of the decision to close on Monday with all roles being made redundant.

The club is on the market offering an opportunity to acquire an established golf club business and its assets, two golf courses and clubhouse - all set within a perimeter of 160 acres of its own land.

The club comprises an 18 hole championship course, a nine hole academy course and is situated in 200 acres of ground. It was opened in 1992 and offered membership as well as daily green fees.

Privately

The administrators have been operating the business of Chirk Marina while a buyer for Myddleton Leisure is sought. However, the marina, which is owned privately by Mr Myddleton, is not up for sale.

Chirk Golf Club has faced competition from a growing number of courses in the region with Llangollen, Henlle, Mile End, Oswestry, Wrexham, Moss Valley and Clays all within a 20 mile radius.

Richard Dixon, chief executive of the Welsh Golfing Union, said he had been informed of the closure. "It is very bad news and a combined reflection on the economy, the wet weather and the fact that so many people have been watching major sporting events such as the Olympics on TV," he said.

Chirk Councillor Terry Evans said the news was a blow to the town. "A lot of hard work has gone into building up the golf club over the years and I really hope that a buyer can still be found. This is bad news for the Chirk economy." He said his daughter Stephanie had learned to play golf at the club before going on to play internationally with Wales and Great Britain.

No-one from the administrators was available for comment at the time of going to press but a statement on the club's website said "Chirk Golf Club ceased trading with effect from close of business on Sunday 30th September, 2012."

The cameras are monitored by volunteers in a control room within Oswestry's police station. Recently the scheme was recognised as the most successful volunteer run CCTV project in Britain.

CCTV system saved for a further year

OSWESTRY'S CCTV cameras have been saved for the coming 12 months.

There had been worries over the future funding of the cameras that have been operating in the town centre for a decade.

But while the long-term future of the scheme is still being debated, Kate Garner, Shropshire Council's community action manager, has announced that in the short-term they will continue to run.

Speaking to a meeting of the Oswestry local joint committee this week, Miss Garner said the cameras would be operating and monitored for at least the coming 12 months.

"We have been able to secure funding for the next year," she said. "This will give us time to have more discussions about its future."

The project was twice turned down for Home Office funding. But eventually the closed-circuit television cameras were installed with £112,000 funding from Oswestry Town Council to pay for the first 11 cameras in 2001. A year later more cameras were installed in Gobowen.

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by Graham Breeze

Wynnstay nets top prize



Wynnstay Group chairman Gareth Owen, director John Davies and personnel manager Samantha Roberts receive the Powys Business of the Year Award from Powys County Council chairman Councillor Sue McNicholas.

A GROWING agricultural firm on the Shropshire/Welsh border has been named the winner of a prestigious regional business prize.

Agricultural supplies and specialist retail business Wynnstay Group has been named the Powys Business of the Year.

The business, based in the village of Llansantffraid, received the overall accolade, together with the growth award, at the 2012 Powys Business Awards ceremony attended by 31 other finalists and around 200 guests at Hafren entertainment venue in Newtown.

Wynnstay Group is approaching its centenary in 2018 and employs around 900 people across Mid and North Wales, the Midlands, North West England and Yorkshire.

The company, which continues to expand

through strategic acquisitions, recently announced its half-year results, which showed revenues up 18 per cent to £193.67m and operating profit up 14 per cent to £4.75m.

Wynnstay Group's chairman Gareth Owen was delighted by the double success.

He said: "To win one award is fantastic but to also win the overall award, when you think of all the companies we were up against, is far more than we ever expected."

"It's a tremendous feeling and it's all down to our staff."

The Entrepreneurship Award went to eXwavia, of Berriew, a business established in 2010 by managing director Annette Burgess. The Excellence in People Development Award went to chartered accountancy practice Whittingham Riddell LLP.

Jobs safe as deal is struck for parts firm

JOBS at Cobra Automotive have been saved in a deal which has taken the company out of administration.

The components manufacturer, which switched its operation from Welshpool to Wrexham 10 months ago after securing a £12million order from Vauxhall, has been sold to Prestige Components Limited, safeguarding 118 jobs, many of them Welshpool people.

Cobra went into administration in August when BDO LLP business restructuring partners, Kim Rayment and Tracey Pye, were appointed joint administrators.

The company manufactures and supplies products to automotive manufacturers including Vauxhall, Audi and Volvo and last year won the Queen's Award For Industry and was shortlisted for a European business award earlier this year.

New funding has been put in place to deliver future growth plans which include extensive new product development initiatives in partnership with its customers.

Prestige Components is controlled by the London based investment firm, Pemberton Capital LLP.

Cobra founder Gary Seale commented: "We are delighted that the acquisition by Pemberton Capital enables us to move forward under a sound financial footing which will bring security to the business and our staff."

Invitation to parade

WELSHPOOL Town Council is inviting people to be a part of its Remembrance Parade on November 11.

The parade is led by Newtown Youth Band and will meet in Park Lane, off High Street, at 10.20am in order to move off at 10.30am to be at St Mary's for 11am.

Following the church service, there will be the laying of wreaths at the memorial at St Mary's before the parade reforms to make its way back to the town hall.

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Football kits donated for children in Kenya

by **Graham Breeze**

FOOTBALL kits from Oswestry will be winging their way to Kenya thanks to the young soccer players of the town.

Bill and Lynn Morris, of Ellesmere, who run the Kenyan Schools Project charity, visited Oswestry Boys and Girls Football Club this week to collect football kits to clothe no fewer than 14 junior football teams in Africa.

The shirts, shorts and socks had been stored at the club's headquarters near the town. Mervin Bromley, club president, and Simon Walker, also from the club, suggested donating the unused team kits to the charity.

Mr Morris said he was thrilled with the donation.

"The kits date back several years but they have been so well looked after that they are immaculate. We took away about 15 boxes of clean and ironed kit which will make such a difference to the children in Kenya."

The boys and girls club kits will be shipped out to Kenya for distribution to schools and orphanages next year, just missing the latest supplies that are being sent by the Kenyan Schools Project.

"We have two pallets of supplies being cleared in customs at the moment, full of football kits and educational items," said Mr Morris. "We have had a remarkable response to our plea for sports gear from both Shropshire and further afield."

"Thanks to the internet Facebook site we have had donations from all over England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales."

More information about the charity, set up by the couple after a holiday in Kenya, is available from www.kenyanschoolsproject.co.uk

The boys and girls club is a voluntary run organisation. To donate, call Simon Walker on (07572) 390135.

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From left, club president Merv Bromley, Bill and Lynn Morris, from the Kenyan Schools Project, and Simon Walker from the club. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

Plans for caravan site to be extended

THE growing popularity of UK-based holidays has prompted the owners of a Shropshire caravan site to look to expand their business.

The plans to change agricultural land at Barncroft Nurseries in Ruyton XI Towns to a touring caravan site accommodating 22 pitches will also boost the local economy, according to papers in support of the application by Mr and Mrs C Eccleston.

An access and design statement, which has been submitted to Shropshire Council, said a five pitch caravan site was already operated at the location and the new application would allow the business to expand.

It said: "This has proved successful and there is a good occupancy rate of pitches."

"It is proposed to extend this to provide a larger site providing 22 pitches plus a service building to provide the necessary toilet, shower, washing and laundry facilities."

"Although touring caravans do have limited facilities it is necessary to have these services on site."

It adds: "Market research has indicated there is a demand for touring caravan pitches in the area."

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by November 5.

Parish council is due to meet

THE next meeting of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council will be held on October 10 at the Pavilion on St Martins Road in Gobowen.

Meetings usually start at 7pm and the first 15 minutes of each meeting is dedicated to a public participation session where people can bring up parish issues. Details on (01691) 682683.

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Teacher accused in child sex case

A FORMER Oswestry man has appeared in court accused of sexual activity with an under-age girl.

History teacher David Timmins, who works at Ercall Wood Technology College in Wellington, appeared at Telford Magistrates Court where he was remanded in custody.

Timmins, 40, of no fixed address, but formerly of Coton Hill, Shrewsbury, will appear at the court by video link on October 25 and will be committed to crown court on November 5.

Police were called in to investigate and Timmins was arrested last Friday and later charged.

He appeared on Saturday, where he was remanded in custody to appear back before justices on Tuesday.

Telford & Wrekin Council spokesman Nigel Newman said: "Mr Timmins was suspended from his post on September 10, as soon as we were aware of the allegation.

"As this matter is subject to ongoing court proceedings, we cannot make any further comment."

Timmins' Facebook page says he was a student at Oswestry College in 1992 and 1993 before studying History & Literature at the University of Glamorgan.

He worked as Pupil Progress Manager and was a member of Ercall Wood's senior management team.

New strong man contest event

A NEW strong man competition is being launched at The Armoury Sports Centre in Welshpool in aid of charity.

The event is scheduled for October 27 and entrants are invited for under 80kg, under 90kg, under 110kg and open weight categories.

Applications must be made to The Armoury by October 13.

Police step up action after spate of town arson attacks

FIREFIGHTERS and the police are joining forces again after deliberate fires were ignited in a residential area of Oswestry over the weekend.

Fire crews were called to two incidents in Crestwood Court, on Saturday when a sofa and wheelie bin were set alight and on Sunday when the same wheelie bin was set alight again.

In the past few months there have been wheelie bins in Castlefields under attack. Previously police said officers would step up their patrols and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service attended Partners and Communities Together meetings to advise and re-assure residents.

Derek Taylor, from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, said he would again be talking with police and Shropshire Council to try to stop future blazes.

He said: "There were two bin fires over the weekend, the first was a wheelie bin and a sofa. They are being treated as deliberate."

"I will be speaking with the council and the police to see what we can do."

Landlords

He said people needed to be taught not to leave sofas and rubbish outside to reduce the risk of fires.

He said Crestwood Court was privately owned and so different groups would try to work with landlords to see how they could prevent future incidents.

It is thought the problem could be reduced if the rubbish was disposed of differently.

Mr Taylor said: "We are still working with the police to try to prevent it happening again."

"The last time there was a spate of fires the council arranged for a skip to be placed near to the community centre for people to get rid of any rubbish to reduce the risk of a fire. It filled up in 20 minutes. It is something we will be looking at with the council."

Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt said about the arson: "Some of the residents are quite fed up with it."

"Arson is a criminal offence and if they keep doing it they will get caught and will be dealt with strongly."

Richard Ewels, a spokesman for West Mercia Police, said police were investigating.

"Police in Oswestry are treating the incident as arson," he said.

Anyone with any information are urged to call 101 or use the Crimestoppers line anonymously on 0800 555111.

Scarecrows are hunted down



Sam Griffith Norris, chairperson of the Friends of West Felton School, and local resident John Smith are seen with his scarecrows, called Bill the Farmer and his farmers' wife. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

WEST Felton was overrun by scarecrows as part of a fundraising event for its primary school.

More than 30 scarecrows were created by residents for the West Felton Scarecrow Hunt held in the village near Oswestry on Sunday.

To take part in the hunt, people had to buy a map from the village school between 11.30am and 3pm.

The event was organised by The Friends of West Felton School for school funds.

During the day there were refreshments and hot dogs available. There were also stalls for cake as well as second hand toys, games, CDs and DVDs.

Samantha Griffith Norris, chairwoman of The Friends of West Felton School, said: "It was a fantastic day. We had 33 scarecrows entered into the hunt."

NEWS in brief

Jobs boost for expanded store

AN OSWESTRY business is bucking the trend the doubling the size of its Leg Street shop and employing extra staff.

Specialist cookshop Upstairs Downstairs will celebrate 25 years in business on Saturday by inviting customers to visit its expanded premises.

Yossi Gliksmann, owner of the business, said the move was allowing the company to split tableware and cookery sales into separate sections and would pave the way to opening a cookery demonstration area next month.

"This is a very positive move at a time when businesses are struggling," said Mr Gliksmann. "We needed the extra space and it was too good an opportunity to resist."

Youngsters raise Macmillan cash

YOUNGSTERS at a school near Oswestry have raised hundreds of pounds for charity.

Moreton Hall School in Weston Rhyn held a coffee morning to collect cash and raise awareness for Macmillan. Parents baked a selection of cakes and cookies which helped to raise £300 for the cause.

Catherine Ford, head of Moreton First, said: "We are very lucky to have such a supportive community here."

Male voice choir charity concert

CANTORION Colin Jones Male Voice Choir, and guest soprano Angarah Lewis will be in concert in Whittington Parish Church on Saturday, October 13.

Proceeds are in aid of Whittington Cricket and Bowling Club and Whittington Parish Church.

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Choir to keep hospital link

A CHOIR that has a decades-old link with a Shropshire hospital will continue to practice there, despite a major revamp of the buildings.

The Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir used to practice in the concert hall at the orthopaedic hospital at Oswestry, which was demolished during improvement work at the specialist hospital. Now the choir has moved to new practice rooms within the hospital.

With the help and backing of the hospital management the choir has a new, permanent headquarters in one of the conference rooms.

Choir chairman Andy Young said: "We are delighted with the new facilities and very happy the choir can continue its long association with the hospital. The choir have always had a presence at the hospital since its founding some 43 years ago, and greatly appreciates the continuing support shown by the hospital management."

by Graham Breeze

Warning over computer call

AN Oswestry pensioner is warning people to be on their guard against callers who claim they will be able to fix computer problems and then ask for bank details over the phone.

Dave Evans, 66, of Victoria Street, said he believed he was targeted by the scam when he received a phone call from a man claiming to be a computer expert.

The pensioner said the caller said he was able to rid Mr Evans's computer of viruses.

Mr Evans said he followed the caller's instructions to click on various programmes on his computer where he found virus warnings. But Mr Evans said alarm bells sounded when the caller asked for personal bank details and said he would charge £116 to get rid of the viruses.

Mr Evans said: "My computer had been a bit slow so when he said he could fix it I listened to what he told me. It seemed convincing and I was clicking on what he told me but then he asked for the bank details."

The choir, meets for practice each Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and welcomes new members. For information visit www.omvc.org.uk

Mr Young said the choir had a very busy autumn programme and was committed to a number of concerts in 2013.

After a busy December the choir will celebrate Christmas by singing carols around the wards of the hospital.

The choir was formed in 1968, made up predominantly of staff at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital.

"One thing which has not changed is the aims of the choir. It was set up as a concert choir for the pleasure of its audiences and the enjoyment of the singers. In this way the choir has helped to raise many thousands of pounds for a wide range of local charitable causes," said Mr Young.

"It has also taken part in joint concerts with other choirs, including the festival of Welsh voices at the Royal Albert Hall. The choir travels around Shropshire and neighbouring counties to perform concerts organised by local organisations. It helps the League of Friends to raise funds for the continuing work at the hospital."

Life-saving gift for school



From left, headteacher Sandra Irish, Simon Heys from Heys First Aid, Craig, Anita and Lily McKenzie.

A VILLAGE school near Oswestry has been presented with an essential piece of equipment.

St John The Baptist Primary School in Ruyton XI Towns has been given a donation of a life-saving defibrillator machine.

The donation has come from Craig and Anita McKenzie, owners of Shropshire Carpets in Shrewsbury.

Headteacher Sandra Irish thanked the couple for the donation. She said: "It is a donation which we hope we never actually

have to use. It does save lives so it is an important piece of equipment to have and it is like an extra piece of insurance.

"Eight members of staff will be trained how to use it. We are really pleased to have it at the school."

Mrs McKenzie said the couple gave the defibrillator after finding out how many children died each year because a machine was not nearby. She added: "Our daughter Lily goes to the school and it just makes you feel they are that little bit safer."

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Long-awaited cafe to open at town's leisure centre

THE long-campaigned-for cafe at Oswestry's new leisure centre should be open in the next couple of weeks.

When the £10 million centre opened 12 months ago Shropshire Council decided that it could not fund a cafe within the building on the Shrewsbury Road.

The decision angered leisure centre users, who petitioned unsuccessfully for a change of heart. However, the new manager company Serco has now joined forces with coffee specialist, Costa to open a coffee and cafe outlet.

Hot meals and healthy foods will be on the menu, as well as cakes and coffees.

by Graham Breeze

New lease of life on cards for sports site

A RUN-down sports pavilion in Oswestry could get a new lease of life.

The Gatacre playing fields are used regularly for sports, but its pavilion is in dire need of being replaced after falling victim to fire and break-ins over many years.

Now a scheme is being investigated which could not only give better sports facilities to the community but could be used by visitors to the nearby Oswestry hill fort.

Oswestry Town Council is bidding for grants to carry out a feasibility study and consultation over changes to the playing fields in the north of the town.

The local joint committee, which includes both Shropshire Council and town council members, has recommended a grant of £10,000 for the study, which would look at building a new pavilion.

Jamie Bryant, from Serco, said: "The infrastructure for the cafe was built into the premises and we are now putting that into use. The cafe should open in a couple of weeks."

He said that £125,000 had been spent on the centre in a four-week refurbishment.

"We had a wonderful new building but the fitness suite seemed a little dated. We took out the 45 pieces of equipment and have recycled those around the county's other leisure and sports centre."

"We have extended the suite and set up specific areas such as a ladies' section and a performance section."

"There has been a huge increase in interesting sport thanks to the Olympics and Paralympics and we hope to be able to maintain that interest by looking at the programme we have to offer within the leisure centre."

He said providing opportunities for young people was one priority.

"We are looking at running pool discos on Friday nights. This has proved very successful in other areas in which we work in providing something for young people and in decreasing anti-social behaviour and we hope it will be successful in Oswestry."

Mr Bryant said the centre had just opened up 125 learn-to-swim places for children.

"We had a waiting list of 110 children and have managed to make these new places available with no effect on public swimming."

Gareth wins top Army awards



Fusilier Gareth Horton

A FORMER Llanfyllin High School pupil won two top awards after his recruit training.

Fusilier Gareth Horton, 21, from Bwlch y Cibbaw, near Welshpool, has successfully completed the Combat Infantryman's Course at the Infantry Training Centre in Catterick, North Yorkshire.

He is the son of Roy and Julie Horton and his grandmother Jayne Horton lives in Oswestry.

His platoon commander, Captain Greg Napier, said: Fusilier Horton has won the Best Recruit and Best at Physical Training awards. He has been a bright and enthusiastic recruit, determined to be the best at everything.

"His self-motivation and determination means that, as far as his military training is concerned, he has always been ahead of his peers, he is also the fittest man in the platoon."

"He is a quiet individual who has gained the respect of his peers. He definitely has leadership potential."

Fusilier Horton received his awards at the passing-out parade at the Infantry Training Centre on Friday.

Though he had wanted to be a soldier for as long as he can remember, he waited until he felt mature enough before taking the plunge.

He said: Joining the army was something I was always going to do, so it was no surprise to my parents. They have supported me all the way."

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Red Cross aided by launch of art firm

ART enthusiasts raised over £5,000 for the British Red Cross by hosting a launch party for a new art business, Oerly Hall Series.

Sara Waterworth and Louise Cowley donated all ticket and raffle sales and 30 per cent of all pieces sold to the Red Cross, with the event sponsored by art experts Savills.

Antique and art collectors were invited to view the pieces, set in the unusual yet unique and inspiring setting of Sara Waterworth's own home, the Oerly Hall, in the hills above Oswestry.

More than 150 guests enjoyed wine, canapes and live music around a wood-burning stove, under a Tipi tent, donated for the evening by Event in a Tent based in Llangollen. As night fell the Hall was glittering in the candlelight.

Within the Hall, art and antiques for sale were displayed. Each room contained works from several artists including Kate Corbett-Winder, Kate Green, Alex Uxbridge, Rosemary Vanns; potter: William Plumtre, textile designer: Charlene Mullen, furniture: Matthew Cox, and three sculptors: Max Baccanello, Beatrice Cabrera Molleja, Darren Fraser and Michael McEntee.

Guests came from all over Shropshire and welled from London.

Newly-opened castle wing celebrates role of 'Tommy'

Medieval Chirk garrison guards, David Dabinett and Jonathan Williams.



Bill and June Armstrong take a look at some pictures about the history of the castle.



Visitors look around East wing at Chirk Castle. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.

AN ENTIRE wing of Chirk Castle was opened to the public for the first time last weekend in a celebration of a forgotten period in Welsh history

The grand opening of Chirk Castle's East Wing marked the culmination of a two-year, £200,000 project to mark the impact Lord Howard de Walden had on Chirk Castle and Wales between the wars, and included a medieval pageant complete with displays of falconry, archery, men at arms fighting with

by Sue Austin

swords, pike drill and a roving court jester.

Recognised as the last great patron of the Welsh arts for his formidable support of Welsh cultural institutions like the national eisteddfod and a number of leading Welsh artists and writers, Lord Howard de Walden's life and work has not been fully celebrated until now.

To reflect his pivotal role in Welsh history, the East Wing has been revamped to give visitors a taste of the eighth Lord Howard de

Walden's life in the medieval castle. Carolyn Latham, from the National Trust-owned attraction said: "The sumptuous bow drawing room has been redisplayed to match the picture Sir John Lavery painted of Howard de Walden's family relaxing in the room in 1929.

"We have also been able to get hold of many of the treasures the family had on show here during their time in the castle, including a rare suit of armour, Welsh military dagger and paintings by renowned Welsh painter Augustus John. Much of this

private collection has never been seen by the public before."

Augustus John was not the only famous name of the day to be associated with Lord Howard de Walden, or Tommy as he was known. The visitors' book shows Tommy regularly entertained the cream of European royalty as well as the likes of Rudyard Kipling and George Bernard Shaw.

Tommy competed in the 1908 Olympics, established the Welsh National Theatre, learned to speak Welsh, edited Burke's Peerage and wrote libretti for operas.

Pet photo contest is launched at market

PET-lovers are being invited to take part in a photography competition in Oswestry.

Indoor market trader Sue Watts, from Dogz Dinnerz, has joined with Blueprint for the competition which has recently been launched.

People wanting to take part need to take a picture of their favourite pet and bring it to the market to be in with a chance of winning an A2 canvass of photograph.

The deadline is on November 17 and all entries received will be judged by the town mayor Shropshire Councillor Martin Bennett.

Mrs Watts said: "The best two photographs, one for under 16 year olds and one for adults, will be enlarged and printed onto an A2 canvass which will be awarded to the two winners."

All entries can be left in the special box provided in Dogz Dinners.

Mrs Watts added: "You don't have to be a David Bailey as we will be looking for photographs that are interesting, amusing or just provide that 'aah factor'."

"With just over a month to the closing date all that remains is to say get snapping and good luck."

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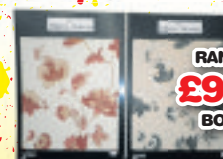
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Tuffins' £10,000 donation to church

A CHEQUE for £10,000 has been presented to Churchstoke Church from Harry Tuffins new owners The Midcounties Co-operative and NISA's Making a Difference Locally (MADL) charity fund.

Church leaders applied for the funds to complete a new project which will see a kitchen built at the back of the church enabling refreshments to be served following services and functions.

Mark Williams, general manager of Harry Tuffins, said: "It is great that we have been able to support the church with the help of the MADL fund."

"This is exactly what this fund is for, to help local organisations surrounding a NISA store raise additional funds for that special project."

"I look forward to the first cup of tea that will be made in the new church kitchen."

A concert to raise extra cash will take place at the church on Saturday (OCT6) with Newtown Male Voice Choir and Bang on Samba Band.

Tickets are available from Marilyn Bishop, church warden on (01588) 620418.

Hundreds pack into pylons meeting to hear MP speak

by Iain St John

MORE than 300 people packed into the biggest public meeting yet staged in Shropshire to fight controversial plans for a 30-mile power line across the region.

And newly-promoted Environment Secretary Owen Paterson told campaigners they could win the battle in Shropshire by winning the fight against windfarms in Mid Wales.

The meeting in Oswestry, called by Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow and attended by MPs and councillors from throughout the region, was told support was growing all the time against the National Grid plans.

The power giant wants the 400,000-volt line to run from a new sub-station at Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion, to Lower Frankton, near Oswestry. It would transfer power from Mid Wales windfarms to the national electricity network in Shropshire.

It will announce next year which parts of the power line will be buried underground and which will be carried overhead on pylons.

But Mr Paterson, MP for north Shropshire, told the meeting National Grid would not build the power line if the windfarms did not go ahead.

He said: "There will be no case to do preparatory work, let alone build the line, until the source is decided. I have had it from National Grid they won't invest in power lines if there is no source of power."

He encouraged the public to take part in government consultation on renewable energy and on the economic effect of projects such as power lines on rural areas.



Owen Paterson, Environment Minister speaking at the public meeting.

Councillor Barrow agreed that preventing the building of windfarms in Mid Wales was the key to beating the power line, but it was also important to cut subsidies paid to windfarm companies.

He said: "I see the pylons as the condition,



Hundreds attended the public meeting which was held at The Venue, Park Hall near Oswestry. Pictures: Simon Williams.



Glyn Davies Conservative MP for Montgomeryshire.

not the disease. The disease is the windfarms in Mid Wales."

Montgomeryshire MP Mr Glyn Davies threatened to lie in front of diggers should the power line get the go-ahead.

He said: "I have lived in Mid Wales all my



Leader of Shropshire Council Keith Barrow, speaking at the meeting.

life, I love the place, and I am not going to let them desecrate it."

The meeting heard about the effect of the pylon plans on residents. Martin Jones from Osbaston said his life was 'on hold' as he struggled to sell his house.

NEWS

in brief

Visitors tour the old workhouse

GUIDED tours of Llanfyllin's Victorian workhouse were given to visitors on Sunday as part of a project to promote the property.

The tours were among a programme of activities organised by the Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust during an open weekend.

Exhibitions and music was provided during the event which was backed by Civic Trust Wales.

Visitors also saw what progress had been made by volunteers to regenerate the historic building which featured in the BBC TV Restoration series.

Uniform cash for First Responders

THE Oswestry and District First Responders group is to receive a grant towards equipment and uniforms.

The Oswestry local joint committee, which has representatives from Shropshire County and Oswestry Town councils, has agreed a grant of £736.

The money will help to buy equipment and uniforms for new recruits.

Talk on drones

THE Oswestry Coalition for Peace group will be hosting a talk tonight (Thursday). Drone Wars will be held from 7.30pm in the Walford Davies Room at the Guildhall on Bailey Head.



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It's mixed fortunes for many in the jobs market

WHY would you want to be the Prime Minister? That's a question I often find myself asking.

And it's probably a question that David Cameron is asking himself today following the latest political disaster over the West Coast Rail franchise.

Three weeks ago Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin's appeared before the Commons Transport Select Committee, assuring it that 'due diligence' had been carried out it awarding the contract. Now it has emerged he couldn't have been further from the truth.

Now £40 million will have to be reimbursed to the companies who put in bids by the Department of Transport - that's our money by the way - leaving Mr Cameron and his team with shiny red faces and Virgin's Richard Branson saying 'I told you so'.

The Government and senior civil servants are right in the firing line on this one

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

with Graham Breeze



with the figures not adding up and the word 'incompetence' is echoing along the corridors of power.

This latest political disaster is enough to make any Government leader ask himself if it's all worthwhile. Wasn't life easy as a back bench Mr Cameron?

IT'S HATS off this week to one of the area's biggest employers Wynnstay Group after the company was named Powys business of the year.

The business, which is based in the vil-

lage of Llansantffraid, received the overall accolade, together with the growth award, at the 2012 Powys Business Awards ceremony attended by 31 other finalists.

Wynnstay manufacture and supply a wide range of agricultural inputs to farmers and the rural community in Wales, the Midlands, the North West and Yorkshire.

Recently the company lodged half year results for the first six months of the year with revenues up 18 per cent to £193.67 million and operating profit up 14 per cent to £4.75 million. Profits before tax were up by 14 per cent to £4.52 million.

While the economic climate looks bleak for so many Wynnstay is a shining example. A thoroughly deserved honour.

ADMINISTRATORS have failed in their bid to sell Chirk Golf Club it emerged this week - sad news for the golfing world and even worse news for the people business people of Chirk.

The club has been attracting people to the town since 1992. They in turn have been spending their money and helping the local economy.

The only hope of sale as a golf club was probably as a going concern and I now fear the club may be lost forever. Sad!

AND finally some good news that the jobs at Cobra Automotive - many of them held by Welshpool people - are safe following a takeover this week.

The company hit cash flow trouble in August when the administrators arrived despite a full order book when their bankers finally called time.

Now the company that has switched production from Welshpool to Wrexham has been saved and all 118 staff have been assured their jobs are safe.

You can't help asking the question why the bankers pulled the plug on a firm with such huge potential?

Pub leads the way with unique work of art sign



Crowds watch the unveiling of the sculptures at The Griffin in Oswestry. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.



Oswestry mayor Martin Bennett unveils the sculptures with the artist Jas Davidson, at The Griffin in Oswestry.

SWINGING pub signs can be seen the length and breadth of Britain, but nothing can compare with the new 'sign' unveiled outside one Shropshire pub.

Oswestry's Griffin Inn's new 'sign' features a sculptured figure sitting on a swing, another sitting on a window ledge and a third seemingly suspended in mid air.

The piece of art, which was unveiled on Saturday, was created by sculptor Jas Davidson as part of the Inside Out art

by Sue Austin

group's Art Works project, which sees artists teamed up with businesses to promote Oswestry.

Mr Davidson, whose work was on show this year at the London Erotica exhibition, said he was delighted to get involved in the project. "The Griffin is my local and licensees Gary and Carol Brennan have been very supportive," he said.

"They wanted a new pub sign and so I did something that was not just a sign, but a

work of art. I doubt there is anything else like it on pubs across the country."

Relationships

John Swogger, from the Inside Out art group, said: "As Oswestry moves towards the challenge of a new identity amidst rapid economic and social change, the Art Works project hopes to explore ways in which artists and businesses in a market town might face that challenge together."

"We're keen to create new kinds of links between local artists and local businesses that move beyond simple exhibitions in

shops and workplaces. Inside Out has been encouraging collaborations between individual artists and local businesses. Some of these collaborations have been very simple and small-scale - an artist taking time to visit and sketch in a workplace, for example.

"Other collaborations are developing into more complex relationships between the artist, business owners, employees and customers/clients."

"In all of these projects we're asking everyone to think about lessons that art and business as a whole might take from their experiences."

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- S144 applies if:-
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In a union of, they tell us, 27 member countries enjoying equal rights and privileges, Britain's political, economic and fiscal experience and influence is zero, zilch, non-existent; we are listened to politely and then ignored.

The euro we chose not to join is on its knees and has been for four years. The leaders of the European Union, France and Germany do not have a clue but when they are forced into action of some kind you may be sure that it will favour the 17 Eurozone countries to the clear and obvious detriment of the 10 non-euro members.

None of the hundreds of thousands of gormless, red-tape inducing, business wrecking, and protectionist edicts issued by Brussels since 1973 have helped this country or its economy. January will be our 40th anniversary in the European Union – can you find a benefit to celebrate that fact?

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Well done, councillors!

WELL done Powys county councillors on rejecting three giant wind farms in Montgomeryshire. Common sense at long last.

It is high time to put a stop to this wanton desecration of Wales and this latter-day rape of our fair country. I call on all the people of Wales to stand up and be counted.

Join Powys County Council in calling a halt to this total destruction of Wales. All over our land, press home the advantage. Make your voices heard loud and clear.

This is not over by a long shot.

L J JENKINS
Ceredigion

Danger of driving through floods

I THINK a lot of the problems we saw last week with stranded cars in floodwater stem from the fact that some drivers don't think about the road when it isn't flooded.

For example, at the railway bridge by where I work, the road is fairly steep each side, but when flooded looks so nice and flat.

The trouble is that last week at the centre of the road under the bridge the water was 3ft deep, but drivers forgot and just see the dry road either side.

The flip side is the bold and brave –

in the above category was a lady who went through and her engine cut out. She tried to restart it several times (a big no-no as you are just sucking more water up the exhaust into the engine).

However, behind her was a trader in a medium size van who decided to risk it. He got nearly all the way through, gave the lady a push with a huge wave of water then, having seen the parked car opposite and in front of her, he had to brake.

This action sucked the water up his exhaust pipe and cutoff his engine, too.

So, turn around and find another way or, at the very least if your options are limited, find out how deep the water is. More than half way up your wheel – forget it.

It is not so much how deep but the effect of driving through.

For one or two days inconvenience, you keep your car and sanity.

For those who braved it and failed, ask yourself how much has this cost? A written off car? A hefty garage bill?

MICK JONES
By e-mail

Reservoir should be used for our town

SEVERN Trent Water Company changed Oswestry's water supply some years ago to include sourcing from the River Severn, into which flow drain chemicals and organic pollutants from roads, farms and industry.

The water from the new source was horrible and many Oswestry people complained bitterly. Severn Trent has recently attempted to improve the taste but the water still makes a foul cup of tea.

We believe that some people in Oswestry aren't drinking the amount of fluids they should because of the taste and poor quality of the water, which puts their health at risk.

We also know lots of people who resort to buying bottled water. Severn Trent now has the temerity to ask our town council if it can build a larger reservoir above Masefield, not to supply Oswestry but to be piped away and sold elsewhere.

We think our council should require Severn Trent to supply this good quality water to Oswestry.

The council should also consider whether the collecting of water in this new reservoir will affect local groundwater and springs, (perhaps including the spring at St Oswald's Well).

Should Oswestry give up this natural asset so readily? JEAN DANBY AND JUNE MCCARTHY
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ACCORDING to a note written on the back of this print in our files these are Ifton Colliery miners union officials back in October 1968. We are not sure who is who, but a story published at the time read: "Hopes of a reprieve for Ifton Colliery were dashed by the Coal Board yesterday, but a new fight for the miners has begun... 'It went on to say that NUM North Wales executive delegate, Tom Jones, had been at an emergency meeting between the union and Ifton managers, where the Coal Board decision was announced. 'The three hour meeting was told the hard facts of the colliery closure by North Wales industrial relations officer Mr R.L. Goss,' it added.

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Where were president or chairman of Legion?

I ATTENDED, with about 40 other people, the dedication of the new gravestone of a Canadian soldier who died in the First World War.

The service was very well organised and attended by former members of all three services, as well as a Canadian officer.

Also Major David Thomas, of the Royal British Legion, but where were the county president or the county chairman? Also, why were no officers or the standard bearer of the Shrewsbury branch present? Also, why was there not a wreath placed on the grave on behalf of the Legion? They could not state they did not know as it was publicised beforehand.

CHARLES SOAME
Former County President Shropshire RBL

Local game bird meat is low-cost and tasty

MONDAY was the official start of the pheasant shooting season. As the season gets under way, there will be plenty of affordable, locally-sourced and tasty game meat available.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) works to encourage people to try game meat.

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Religion must put love and peace first

IT'S often said that religion – and movements with religious undertones like Nazism – have caused more wars and disruption than anything else.

Steve Parker's 'condemnation' letter (September 22) correctly identifies it as a universal problem.

Why should religions, which purport to have access to God (of creation?) decree it necessary to suppress, persecute and kill others in the name of their god?

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NEWS
in brief**Ramblers ready for Berriew trek**

MEMBERS of the Welshpool Ramblers' Group will set off on an eight-mile walk in the Berriew area on Sunday.

Led by Rachael Gray the walk starts at 9.45am from the car park below the canal aqueduct at Berriew and the route will provide a variety of footpaths, towpaths and quiet lanes as it heads in the direction of Felindre.

Walkers are asked to meet at the start of the walk or in the Church Street car park, Welshpool at 9.30am, from where shared transport may be available. Details on 01686 628112. All are welcome, but no dogs on the walk please.

The annual meeting is next Thursday starting at 7.30pm at The Armoury, Welshpool. Members are urged to attend.

Council to stage firework display

WELSHPOOL Town Council's annual fireworks display will take place on November 3.

The event will be held at the Maesdyre Recreation Ground, with gates opening at 6pm, although there will be no vehicle access to the ground.

The first firework will be lit at 7pm and entry is free although a collection will be made for anyone wishing to make a donation towards the cost of the display.

Armed police called in after heifer bolts from market

ARMED police were called after a heifer escaped from the livestock market and ran behind homes in Welshpool on Monday.

The heifer is believed to have escaped from Welshpool Livestock Market at Buttington Cross at about 9am and made its way along the town's bypass and onto the Erw Wen housing estate, coming to a standstill behind a house in Bronwyllia Road.

The road was closed and armed police officers arrived at the scene at 11.45am with four shots heard at 12.08pm. The cow's body was then removed. There were concerns that the animal would make its way into the nearby Welshpool High School campus.

by Graham Breeze

Meeting will help to shape police plans

SENIOR police officials will meet Welshpool residents in a bid to shape the future of policing in the area.

Dyfed Powys Police will meet residents later this month as part of a scheme to draw up policing priorities for the coming year.

Keith Reeves, chief executive of the Dyfed Powys Police Authority, said the meeting was a great chance for officers, officials and residents to share concerns and thoughts on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

He said: "We have changed the format of these meetings to make the evening more interactive and to give you more time to share your views with senior representatives from Dyfed Powys Police and the Police Authority, Powys Community Safety Partnership and Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service."

Mr Reeves said the meeting would take the form of a presentation followed by question and answer sessions.

"The meeting will open at 6.45pm for a 7pm start and finish no later than 9pm."

The meeting will be held at Welshpool Town Hall, Broad Street, on October 22 at 6.45pm.

For more information, call (01267) 226440.

John Williams, who lives close by, said: "Police were on the scene from about 9.30am and the road was closed. The heifer came up the road, went behind the houses and was stood still there for about two hours until the armed officers arrived."

Officers and staff from the market attended while they waited for the armed officers to arrive.

Carol Lloyd added: "It was a different morning on the estate that's for sure, it is not often you see a cow passing your window."

"There was quite a long time then before anything happened - the cow seemed to nestle in an orchard behind a house until the armed police arrived."

"Then there was four loud shots and the police cordon was moved back further so they could take it away."

A spokeswoman for Dyfed Powys Police said 12 unarmed and three armed officers attended the scene and the cow was destroyed.



Police were called in after a cow escaped in Welshpool.

Festival of music lined up by Legion

WELSHPOOL Town Council, together with the town's branch of the Royal British Legion is hosting the Festival of Remembrance at Welshpool Town Hall on Friday, November 9.

The doors open at 7pm and the programme starts at 7.30pm.

The evening starts with a parade of standards, accompanied by music from the Porth-y-Waen Youth and Training Silver Band who will also lead the ever popular community singing later in the evening.

The evening will conclude with the service of remembrance which is to be taken by Reverend Stephen Willson, Vicar of St Marys and British Legion chaplain.

After the service, refreshments will be served "NAAFI" style, organised by the Welshpool branch of the Royal British Legion with appreciation and thanks to Sainsbury's for their continued support.

Tickets for the evening are priced at £6 each and are now available from the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre or the Town Clerk's Office or for further details please call 01938 553142.



What's on the Autumn menu at Erddig?

Bright colours give way to 'mellow fruitfulness' as trees put on their spectacular display of oranges, gold and browns for Erddig's Autumn events.

Apple Festival

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New CSOs in place to serve across area



FIVE new community service officers have been appointed in Powys, including postings in Welshpool, Llanfair and Llanfyllin. Welshpool's Neighbourhood Policing Team welcomes Sally-Ann Neville to their ranks while Richard Waldron will be based in Llanfyllin and Llanfair Caereinion and Aileen Stewart joins Newtown. Two others will be based in Llanidloes and Brecon. The new CSOs are being funded by the Welsh Government. Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police Jackie Roberts said: "Our aim is to safeguard our communities by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. The new CSOs will play an important role in achieving this goal. CSOs will be visible in their communities and will work with partner agencies and community organisations to proactively tackle issues to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour at a local level." Dyfed-Powys Police's newest CSOs are back row (from left): Alan Williams and Richard Waldron. Front row: Sally-Ann Neville, Tanya Jarman and Aileen Stewart.

Brothers are spared jail

TWO brothers who launched an unprovoked attack on a man in a Welshpool kebab shop and a man walking his dog have been spared an immediate jail term.

Thomas Manuel, 24, and Ryan Manuel, 22, from Coed y Bryn, Welshpool, appeared at Mold Crown Court last Friday where they were given 52-week jail sentences suspended for a year.

The pair had both admitted two

by Graham Breeze

charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, with Thomas Manuel also admitting a charge of criminal damage as one victim was pushed against the kebab shop window, damaging it.

Judge Nicolas Parry also ordered them to carry out 300 hours' unpaid work each and they were banned from all on-licensed premises in Welshpool for 12 months.

The brothers were both ordered to

pay £250 compensation to each victim for their injuries. They were each ordered to pay £42 compensation for a broken neck chain, £170 each for the shop window, and £220 costs each.

Judge Parry warned that if they re-offended or breached the order they would go into custody. He said: "You attacked a man for no reason other than he came from a different town."

"You persisted. When a decent member of the public passed by and tried to help you set about him and you kicked him on the floor."

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NEWS
in brief**24-year-old jailed for attack on train**

A 24-YEAR-old man who rained 'frenzied' punches on a Polish passenger on a train as was about to pull in to Welshpool station has been sent to prison by magistrates for 12 weeks.

Fellow passengers had to pull Steve Howarth off, as he rained down punches and kicks.

Shrewsbury magistrates heard the fight may have started after the Polish man, who refused to be named or make a statement after the incident on February 17, threw paper.

Howarth, of The Clock Tower, Walcot, Lydbury, admitted using threatening or abusive words or behaviour with intent to cause the person to believe immediate unlawful violence would be used.

Mountain bikes stolen from town

TWO mountain bikes have been stolen in Welshpool.

Two men's bikes were taken from the Dol-y-Felin area of Welshpool between September 14 at 9pm and the following day at 3.30pm. The bikes were outside garages at the rear of the flats at Dol-y-Felin. Call 0845 3302000.

Club meeting

WELSHPOOL and District Horticultural Society will meet on October 18 at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall, Broad Street, at 7pm.

Builders busy on town hall

WORK to carry out essential repairs to Welshpool Town Hall should be completed by the end of November it was announced this week.

Builders working to carry out repairs discovered that the building was in a poorer state than anticipated with perished brickwork at parapet wall level.

This meant additional work was needed to make the building safe and put it in a state which will preserve the building well into the future.

A statement released by the town council said: "The works to the town hall stonework and front elevation have caused much speculation and discussion among residents of the town.

by Graham Breeze

Torch in town for flying visit

HUNDREDS of sports enthusiasts from Mid Wales will get the chance to see the Paralympic torch when it goes on show in Welshpool.

The torch will be on show at Sainsbury's in Jehu Road on October 18 between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, with fans being able to hold the torch and get their photograph taken with it.

The torch is one of the 620 used in the relay which took place from Stoke Mandeville in Aylesbury to the Olympic Park in London on August 28 and 29.

Adrian Seekins, Sainsbury's Welshpool store manager, said he was delighted to welcome the torch to the town.

He said: "Following the success of the London 2012 Paralympic torch relay, customers in Welshpool will get the chance to see the torch as it goes on a tour of the UK.

The torch is one of the 620 used in the 24-hour marathon and will be on show in the store in Welshpool for two hours."

Sale gives guides cash boost



A COFFEE morning and bric-a-brac sale was held at Church House in Welshpool to raise funds for the 1st Welshpool Guides. Having there nails painted, back, from left, Elen Williams, Charlotte Stranks and Hannah Simms. Front, from left, Ellouise Campbell and Amy Williams. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

Appeal to public by fire service

FIRE chiefs in Mid Wales are appealing for the public to help them shape the future through a series of consultation days.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service will be holding a consultation day in Welshpool on October 22 to find out how the public thinks changes could be made to improve the service.

The service says it is committed to being a 'world class organisation', with a clear focus on reducing risk and making improvements within the community.

In order to help achieve this, it says, the service is inviting interested parties to have their say on their Draft Annual Improvement Plan for 2013/2014.

Chief Fire Officer Richard Smith said: "We know that the best way to build safer communities is to work with others to reduce risk and make improvements. We also understand our role in reducing harm to the environment and providing a resilient, effective and affordable service.

"But what we would like to know is what you think of the service we provide and how you believe we can continue to make improvements." Have your say and help shape the future of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service through www.mawfire.gov.uk

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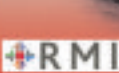
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NEWS

Club's photo book



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Plans for old railway line are unveiled

VOLUNTEERS working on a railway project near Oswestry have been showing off their future plans for the line to county dignitaries.

Members of the Tanat Valley Light Railway Company have been working for years to set up a tourist line at Nant Mawr near Oswestry.

They recently held a planning meeting at the Tanat Valley Light Railway company's Nant Mawr visitor centre to give partners of the project the opportunity to have a guided tour of the current facilities.

They also used the time to plan future work parties to help to restore the historic section of the railway line, which is the last remaining section of the 'old Potts' area, and discuss ways to develop ways of making the railway a visitor attraction.

Fantastic

Those at the meeting included the mayor of Whitechurch Councillor Peggy Mullock, Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Martin Bennett and head teacher of Whitechurch's Sir John Talbot's Technology College Malcolm Roddy.

There were also representatives of 507 Company Army Specialist Railway Unit, the Royal British Legion, VIPER, the Centurion Angel Mountain Project, North Shropshire Community Police, Venture Scouts, Soldiers off the Streets, Capita Symonds and TVLR volunteers which were given a guided tour of the whole site.

Mark Hignett, for TVLR, said: "The railway company received a fantastic response since forming the partnership with a group of former Royal Engineers who will be providing the project with a fantastic range of skills and volunteers to enable the railway line to be fully restored."

"Further meetings are planned for the coming months with the main work parties being planned from the spring of 2013, although some smaller projects would begin almost immediately."

Lions' blooms are a roaring success

THOUSANDS of blooms have been delivered across Oswestry to brighten up winter gardens and help raise funds for charity.

The town's Lions Club has twice yearly sales of bedding and patio plants with the profits going to its funds.

These are then dished out to appeals and good causes over the year.

Mr Bill Bowen, from the club, said the initiative had grown year after year as more people found out they could order their winter or summer plants and help the Lions Club.

The plants are brought in from wholesalers and then delivered by club members to people's homes and gardens.

Taxi scheme could return to town before Christmas

A TAXI marshalling scheme could be re-introduced in Oswestry in the run-up to Christmas.

The scheme provided specially-trained stewards to direct clubbers from late-night premises into taxis so they were not hanging around the town centre in the early hours of the morning. But the project ended when the funding ran out.

At a meeting of Oswestry Joint Committee Sergeant Scott Barnes said he hoped that funding

by Graham Breeze

could be found to re-introduce the scheme in the weeks before Christmas and over the festivities. He said the taxi marshalling scheme had been a huge success.

He added: "We are hopeful that funding can be found to re-introduce the scheme leading up to Christmas."

The meeting also heard from taxi driver Mark

Higgins who said that there were worries about how many pubs and clubs were now winning licences to stay open until 3am.

"There have been three new licences in the last six months," he said. "I know some taxi drivers finish early because of the problems associated with this."

Sergeant Barnes said he was very grateful to taxi drivers for the service they provided. He said that more police officers were now ensuring a presence on the streets of Oswestry at weekends.

Church to celebrate

FINAL preparations are being made to celebrate the 140th anniversary of a church.

A weekend of celebrations will be staged to mark the anniversary of Christ Church in Oswestry on Saturday and Sunday.

Among the activities will be a birthday bazaar, a harvest festival and a songs of praise.

Church members are inviting everyone in the area to come along and learn more about the church and its history.

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Walk will honour life of Rotarian

A WALK will be held on Sunday to celebrate the life of a popular Oswestry Rotarian.

The walk in memory of Brian Gray will be held at the weekend members of Oswestry Borderland Club were told at their latest meeting on Wednesday.

The event will end with a dinner and pint at the Queens Head pub near Oswestry. And club members were reminded that the annual torch light procession through Oswestry as part of the town's bonfire celebrations will take place on November 3.

The procession starts from Festival Square at 6.30pm. Timber firm Richard Burridge Ltd will again supply the sticks to make the torches.

And members enjoyed a quiz at the meeting called So you think you know Oswestry.

The club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be taking place in a village near Oswestry later this month. West Felton Methodist Chapel will be hosting the event on October 11 from 10am-12pm. Coffee and chat costs £1 and a bacon bap will cost an extra £1.

Thriving farmers' market Was saviour of farm firm



Owen Paterson buying a pork pie from Ellesmere's Rodney Stokes.



Mr Paterson buys his bacon from Oswestry butcher Jamie Ward.



The original farmers' market traders, Jamie Ward, Diane Jones, Rodney Stokes and Richard Simpson.

TWELVE years ago pig farmer Jamie Ward was about to admit defeat and give up his 250-year old family business.

Then he heard about the launch of a new farmers' market in his home town of Oswestry and he decided to make one late ditch attempt to save his farm.

Today thanks to the monthly market he employs nine people has saved the family business for his children and sells his meat across Britain.

by Sue Austin

As the market celebrated its 12th birthday on Friday Mr Ward was quick to heap praise on Oswestry Town Council for its vision in launching the market.

But he also took time out from serving his loyal customers to quiz the Secretary of State for the Environment, Owen Paterson, about the government's plans to deal with the crisis in feed costs for animals.

The North Shropshire MP met traders

and shoppers in a tour of the market, stopping to do his own shopping at several stalls. Oswestry mayor, Councillor Martin Bennett, was one of those who battled to open the market.

"We still have work to do to encourage more people to shop at our farmers' market but it has stood the test of time, giving producers a shop window."

Mr Ward said: "In the late 1990s I was in dire trouble with the business, which had been a family farm for 250 years. I was on the verge of giving it all up when the town

council launched the market. I decided to give it a go. I had nothing to lose."

His home-cured pork and bacon sold out in a couple of hours and he then diversified into selling direct to the public, at markets in Oswestry and Welshpool, garden centres and other outlets, as well as online website."

"From just me struggling to survive, we now have nine of us working in the business including our son and daughter."

But he is worried, adding: "Both wheat and soya which I use for feed are at prices I have never seen in all my years of farming."

Meeting to look at position of trusts

THE role of the Welsh Archaeological Trusts will be discussed at the next Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group.

The group will meet on October 12 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Its speaker will be Jeff Spencer, who is the historic environment record officer with Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust.

He will speak about the role of the Welsh Archaeological Trusts, explain the structure and main tasks carried out by the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust and then show slides of some of the recent projects.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

Full details of Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group's lectures are available at Oswestry Library and on the internet at www.pastcaring.com/OBHAG

For more information about membership or to get involved contact the Membership Secretary on (01691) 690184.

Fashion show

LLANFYLLIN Primary School is holding a fashion show to raise money for play equipment. Friends of the school have teamed up with Oswestry boutique Sissy Blu to hold the fashion show at the Llanfyllin High School on October 17 at 7pm.

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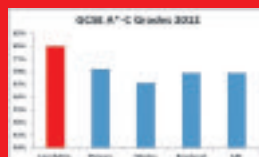
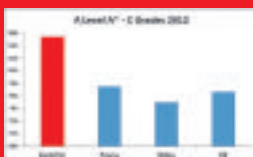
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LLANGOLLEN FOOD FESTIVAL

Food festival is reborn with new added spice

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THE picturesque town where Wales meets the world will be the culinary capital of the UK for a whole weekend.

There to greet people at Hamper Llangollen 2012 on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21, will be a trio of top chefs who have signed up as the stars of the popular food festival.

Organisers are confident the event in the Royal Pavilion at the home of the International Musical Eisteddfod is on course to be bigger and better this year.

Graham Tinsley, the star of ITV's *Taste the Nation* and a former captain of the Welsh Culinary Team, will be joined in the show kitchen by S4C favourite Dudley Newberry.

Completing the hat-trick will be the ever popular Dai Chef, returning to the event after an absence of several years.

One of the main driving forces behind the reborn festival is businessman Colin Loughlin, chairman of the committee that runs the event, supported by the rural development agency, Cadwyn Clwyd.

Mr Loughlin said: "We have a wonderful array of fantastic food producers clustered in the area and the festival is the perfect shop window for them. A food festival is so much better and more interesting than going to the supermarket."

Cadwyn Clwyd's contribution came via the Rural Development Fund for Wales 2007-2013, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

Robert Price, Cadwyn Clwyd's agri-food project officer, said: "I can't imagine that any other food festival in the UK has a more beautiful setting."

Hamper Llangollen will be open between 10am and 5pm on both days with an entry fee of £5, free for under 16s, parking is available tickets are available on the door.



Pictured is Rob Price from Cadwyn Clwyd with Colin Loughlin and Gwyn Davies.

Competition chance to win tickets

THE Oswestry Chronicle has 20 tickets up for grabs. To be in with a chance of winning simply answer the following question:

Question:
Which river runs through Llangollen?
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Entrants must be 18 years or over. Closing date for entries is Friday, October 12, 2012. The first 10 correct entries selected at random after the closing date will receive two tickets. Winners will be notified by Monday, October 15.

Travel is not included in the prize. There are no cash alternatives and the prizes are non-transferable. Employees (or their immediate relatives) of the MNA group of companies/Llangollen Food Festival may not enter.

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in brief**School opening doors to parents**

OSWESTRY School will hold an open day this week to welcome the families of prospective pupils for a tour of the building and to meet staff.

The school will open its doors on Saturday from 9.30am to 2pm when visitors will be given the opportunity to meet the headmaster, Douglas Robb, other teachers and current students.

Pupils will be on hand to give a tour of the school.

Anyone needing further details should contact the registrar, Sarah Hicklin, on (01691) 681104 or email admissions@oswestryschool.org.uk

Public urged to support foodbank

GENEROUS Oswestry residents are being urged to support the town's foodbank.

Oswestry and Borders Foodbank, based in Beatrice Street, provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

Non-perishable food is needed by the service's volunteers.

Food can be dropped off at the foodbank on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 1pm.

Singer's date

A SINGER/songwriter from Oswestry will be performing at The Walls Restaurant on October 19. Libby Giksman will be singing from 8.30pm.

Wheelie bins being rolled out to villages on border

RESIDENTS on the Powys/Shropshire border were receiving new recycling containers and wheeled bins this week.

Delivery teams from Powys County Council were visiting towns and villages in the north of the county ready for the new waste and recycling collections.

Areas including Arddleen, Buttington, Bwlch-y-cibau, Castle Caereinion, Forden, Guilsfield, Leighton, Llandrinio, Llandysilio, Llanerfyl, Llanfchain, Llanfyllin, Llangadfan, Llangedwyn, Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Llanstffraid-ym-Mechain, Llansilin, Meifod, Middleton, Pontrobert, Sarnau, Trewern, Waun and Wern will receive the items during this phase.

by **Graham Breeze**

Meeting can be seen online

A MEETING which saw councillors in Mid Wales object to three wind farm applications is available to watch online after a live feed showing the event crashed.

Powys County Council's cabinet met last Tuesday objecting to plans for windfarms in Llanbrynmair, near Machynlleth, Llandinam, near Llanidloes and Llaithddu, near Llandrindod Wells.

The meeting was scheduled to be shown live over the internet, but technical issues meant coverage was lost for a short time.

The council has now decided to keep the meetings online so anybody who missed it can watch.

John Evans, council spokesman, said: "Both meetings were broadcast live to the internet because of the level of interest in the applications. Unfortunately due to technical difficulties beyond our control live coverage was lost for a short period but the full debate will be available on the council's website shortly."

Deliveries are expected to take place over the course of the next three weeks before the new scheme commences from October 22.

For residents who already use the red and black box recycling scheme, they will continue to use their current containers but also be delivered a set of food waste and kitchen caddies and a wheeled bin for non-recyclable rubbish.

All other residents will have a new set of the recycling boxes, food caddies and wheeled bin delivered around the same time.

Households deemed unsuitable for a wheeled bin such as flats will be distributed rubbish bags instead.

The new services comprise of weekly recycling collections and a fortnightly rubbish collection, and a calendar highlighting the different weeks will also be delivered, along with a comprehensive recycling guide.

Steve Holdaway, for Powys County Council, said: "We are trying to make it as easy as possible for residents to recycle as much as they can. We are committed to reach our 52 per cent recycling target during 2012/13. It currently costs us around £130 per tonne to tip rubbish into landfill."

"The containers have worked well elsewhere in the county and I'm sure these residents will give them a try and find themselves recycling much more."

Keep your bike on the road



Ray Hughes repairs a puncture on his bike.

Free places on courses

A SERIES of free basic cycle maintenance courses are taking place in Shropshire.

The courses, which take place on October 12 at Eastern Oswestry Community Centre, October 18 at Urban Bikes UK, The Market Hall, Shrewsbury, and on October 19 at the Rockspring Community Centre, Ludlow, are three-hour courses (10am to 1pm) and suitable for anyone who wants to learn how to check and keep their bicycle in good working order.

You can learn how to remove a wheel, repair a puncture, what tools to take on a ride and lots more.

Places are limited and to book a place use the online booking form at this link <http://travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle/maintenance-course-booking-form.aspx>

For further details contact Ray Hughes on (01743) 253008.

Camping trip for younger tenants

YOUNG tenants of Mid Wales Housing Association have had a camping trip to Tenby.

The Housing Association sponsored 14 places on an action-filled camping holiday for youngsters. Action Camp which is run by Young Wales is a three-day educational but fun-filled residential stay in Tenby.

The 14 young people selected to go from Mid Wales Housing were aged between 11 to 14 and came from all over Mid Wales from Welsphool to Lampeter.

Together with tenant participation officer Hannah Jones and housing trainee Jemma Jervis they travelled down to Tenby where they learnt about healthy living, sexual health, team building and how to budget for, shop for ingredients and cook a meal.

Miss Jones said: "It was great to see the young people having a great time, making new friends and in their own words thought the experience was amazing."

Music at pub

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The World Health Organization (WHO), which is the UN's directing and coordinating authority for health, and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) are actively involved in coordinating events and activities for World Sight Day. Associations such as Lions Clubs International have also been involved in promoting the day on an annual basis for many years.

Many communities, associations, and non-government organisations work together with WHO and IAPB to promote the day for the following purposes:

- To raise public awareness of blindness and vision impairment as major international public health issues.

- To influence governments, particularly health ministers, to participate in and designate funds for national blindness prevention programmes.

- To educate target audiences about blindness prevention, about VISION 2020 and its activities, and to generate support for VISION 2020 program activities. Some people plant trees to commemorate World Sight Day and while others submit a photo for an international photo montage that focuses on the theme of blindness.

Other activities include taking part in awareness-raising walks or distributing and displaying posters, book-marks, booklets and other forms of



World Sight Day is a global event.

information to raise awareness about preventable blindness. Did you know:

- Approximately 285 million people worldwide live with low vision and blindness

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- 90% of blind people live in low-income countries

- 80% of visual impairment is readily treatable and/or preventable

- Restorations of sight, and blindness prevention strategies are among

the most cost-effective interventions in health care

- The number of people blind from infectious causes has greatly reduced in the past 20 years

- An estimated 19 million children are visually impaired

- About 65 % of all people who are visually impaired are aged 50 and older, while this age group comprises only 20% of the world's population

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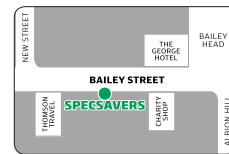
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BUSINESS**New look for tenth year of swim firm**

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To mark the achievement, Puddle Ducks has undergone a total rebrand, which sees the main character, Puddle the Duck, grow up a little, and we also meet his other family members.

"We really wanted the new design to capture the welcoming, fun, fresh and nurturing family environment that we have carefully created over the last decade, with a little nod to the aquatic world," said Tracy.

Jo added: "We're so proud of Puddle Ducks and all that our franchisees and teachers have helped us achieve. Ten years have flown by and we feel incredibly honoured that both the quality of our classes and franchise offering are recognised as market-leading."

The rebrand was rolled out during the 10th birthday week including a new website and special activities.

Law firm earns top marks in leading legal directory

by Graham Breeze

OSWESTRY law firm Lanyon Bowdler has received recommendations from the leading legal sector directory – The Legal 500.

Now in its 25th edition, the Legal 500 provides independent, unbiased feedback on leading law firms and lawyers across the UK as well as worldwide. The rankings are based on careful research, including conversations with clients as well as in-depth submissions.

The firm has been recommended in the 2012 edition in 11 areas of work. This year sees rankings improve for both corporate and commercial and personal injury – Lanyon Bowdler is now placed in the top six West Midlands firms in personal injury and

in the top nine outside Birmingham in corporate work.

The directory highlights the expertise of several individuals, including senior partner and head of the family team Peter Flint, who is quoted as being "knowledgeable".

Partner and head of personal injury, Neil Lorimer is recognised as "conscientious and meticulous". His team gets mentioned for its "particular expertise in acquired brain injury and amputation cases".

The directory states that corporate partner, Richard Murrall "gets the deal done" and his team has a "very pragmatic and cost effective approach".

The 'very commercially aware' Brian Evans gets a strong mention as head of dispute resolution.

Managing partner David Battisby says of the firm's recommendations: "I am particularly pleased to see improved rankings for two of our teams. These successes are really down to their expertise, teamwork and the supporting references kindly provided by our clients."

The firm has been recommended in the categories: Corporate & Commercial; Crime; Commercial Litigation; Debt Recovery; Employment; Clinical Negligence; claimant; Personal Injury; claimant; Agriculture & Estates; Family; Personal taxes; Trusts & Probate and Commercial property.



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Bear shop owner's joy after honour

A WOMAN in Oswestry who runs a shop in the town has had a teddy bear named after her.

Honey Pots, based in both Oswestry and Llangollen, is owned by Sarah Meade and run with her twin sister Catherine Cole.

It is also run with the help of some of their family and friends and celebrates its 10th anniversary this month.

Recently Mrs Cole was given the honour of having a Charlie Bear named after her and the first delivery of the Catherine Bear has now arrived in stock.

Mrs Cole said that the bears' names were chosen from people who stocked the toy and she was picked this time.

"I have a legacy," she said. "It is a big bear and she is quite nice."

To celebrate the 10th birthday Honey Pots will be hosting one of its Pilgrim Jewellery promotion days on October 12 and 13 at both shops and on an additional day – October 14 – in Llangollen.

This will see customers offered a free Pilgrim Jewellery goody bag when they spend £25 or more on the jewellery and they will get a 10 per cent discount on selected lines.

Opticians celebrate 27 years

Helen Tudor, Ruth Grellier and Kelly Leighton in the BBR reception area.

AN opticians in Oswestry has celebrated 27 years in business.

Ruth Grellier and Helen Tudor, the directors of BBR Opticians in Leg Street, put their success down to a passion to provide the best possible service with patient care being their number one priority.

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BUSINESS

Parish is looking to fill role of clerk

WEST Felton Parish Council has appointed a temporary acting clerk while it looks for someone to permanently fill the position.

The parish council near Oswestry has had a succession of clerks over the past three years.

Sonja D'Arcy, from Queens Head, was appointed as council clerk in October last year.

But in June she announced she was handing in her notice to concentrate on her family life and her young son.

At this week's parish council meeting a new temporary acting clerk was chosen to take on the duties until a permanent one could be found.

Miss D'Arcy agreed to carry on as a consultant for the time being.

She said the parish council would be contacting Shropshire Association of Local Councils to see if the hours of the post could be extended.

She said it was noted that the nine hours given for the role may not be enough and should be extended to 15 hours.

"I have officially stepped down as clerk," she said.

"Ian Hutchinson was officially sworn in as the temporary acting clerk at the parish council meeting. They are going to advertise for a permanent clerk."

B&B owners can get share of £112,000 grant windfall

by Graham Breeze

A TOURIST information centre in Oswestry has welcomed news of a large grant being offered to share with bed and breakfast businesses in and around Oswestry.

Shropshire Council has agreed to give £115,000 from its Market Towns Revitalisation Programme to accommodations in the town and the surrounding areas.

This will be split into two with £75,000 from the MTRP offered to town B&Bs and £40,000 to B&Bs in the surrounding area, which is being jointly funded by the Oswestry MTRP and the Rural Challenge Fund. The money is being offered to people who want to

Firm on the move



Councillor Val Howard, Mayor of Newtown, Martyn Kent and Simon Biggs outside DRE's new Newtown office.

A CHARTERED accountants with offices in Shropshire and Powys has moved offices in Newtown.

D.R.E. & Co has moved to a new office, which was kindly opened by the Mayor of Newtown, Councillor Val Howard.

With the acquisition of Whittaker & Co earlier this year, the firm found itself outgrowing its existing rented premises. The new office meets D.R.E. & Co's current needs with sufficient room to expand further.

start up a bed and breakfast business or existing ones to improve facilities and add extra bedrooms.

Honour Whitmore, from Mile End Tourist Information Centre, said there was a need for more B&Bs in the town.

"It is an excellent initiative," she said. "Especially if it gets people thinking about starting one. It can be daunting when people discover the cost involved in it. It is good there is some help, and it is not only financial help but aid and advice. It gives them the confidence to do it."

She said there were some good B&Bs around the town but it would always be good to have more in the area.

"There are really not enough B&Bs in the town. There are some good ones round the outside but the level of them over the last 25 years I would say, has passed its peak."

She added that there were people coming into the tourist information centre on the A5 roundabout 'on a regular basis' enquiring on how to start up a B&B so she welcomed the unitary authority's decision to offer the cash.

The money will be used as a grant scheme where people can bid for capital to spend on creating more bedrooms, making structural alterations to improve access, installing lifts, en-suite facilities and providing wi-fi and broadband.

Sarah's art appears on a bus



Gordon Frost of Arriva Coaches with Sarah Lacon and Hilary Richardson of Scotprint.

SARAH Lacon, 27, from Weston Rhyn, has turned one of the buses that operates along Arriva's 405 route from a blank canvas into a one-off masterpiece that captures local landmarks from in and around the local area.

Local Vehicle graphics specialists, Scotprint UK, were selected to turn the design into reality.

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NEWS

in brief

Walkers help give charity a boost

WILKINSONS store team members from Oswestry, have raised more than £1,000 for its regional charity of the year, Macmillan Cancer Support, by going the extra mile.

The 15 strong team donned charity tee shirts and embarked on a 10 mile circular walk up Broomhall Lane, taking in sights including the racecourse and Waterworks, before returning to the store.

Team members had been encouraging shoppers, friends and family to dig deep ahead of the walk, in order to raise as much money as possible for Macmillan Cancer Support, a national charity with services in the local community.

Responders to get grant cash

THE Oswestry and District First Responders group is to receive a grant towards equipment and uniforms.

The Oswestry local joint committee, which has representatives from Shropshire County and Oswestry Town councils, has agreed a grant of £736.

The money will help to buy equipment and uniforms for new recruits.

First Responders are volunteers who are trained to provide expert first aid to people in need of medical care locally.

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NEWS

in brief

Bookshop date on author's tour

A BEST-selling, award-winning author and illustrator will be visiting schools in Oswestry to talk about her new book.

Debi Ghori has written scores of books and will be coming to Oswestry on October 10 with her 75th book called *What's The Time Mr Wolf?*

She will visit Woodside Primary School and Moreton First Primary School before heading to Booka bookshop, in Church Street, at 4.30pm, to sign copies.

The visits were organised by Carrie Morris from Booka Bookshop and is part of a nationwide tour.

Church hall fund in line for cash aid

A FUNDRAISING drive to replace the out-of-date heating system in a Shropshire village's church hall is in line to receive a boost.

Dovaston United Reform Church needs to raise £1,917 for the improvements to its hall.

The hall committee has applied to St Oswald and Llanymynech Joint Committee for £750 of funding.

First aid course

A FIRST aid course free to family carers will be held in Oswestry's Guildhall today, Thursday. The workshop, by the carers support service, runs from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Call Julia on (01743) 237888.

Ex-recycling centre in line to become travellers' site

OSWESTRY'S former waste recycling centre could soon have a new lease of life – as a home for travelling showpeople.

As well as providing a permanent home for the showpeople, the move will also help Shropshire Council address a shortage of pitches for gipsies and travellers in the county.

A planning application by Shropshire Council would, if approved, allow a family of showpeople to have a permanent home where they could base their five caravans and trailers.

The application to regenerate the former recycling centre at Glovers Meadow on Maesbury Road is part of a project by Shropshire Council to develop gipsy and traveller pitches at three council owned sites in the county.

by **Graham Breeze**

Gift scheme in help request

YOUNGSTERS in Oswestry are being asked to fill shoeboxes full of gifts for people overseas.

Members of The Rotary Club of Oswestry Borderland are to visit schools across the town to ask them to join in with their Shoebox Scheme.

This will be the fourth year the club has run the scheme, which was created to give children in north-east Romania Christmas gifts. It has now become a national project supported not only by Rotary clubs but also by church groups, schools and companies.

Borderland Rotarian Mike Lade, organising the scheme in Oswestry, said: "Boxes can be filled with toys such as small toy cars, small bouncy balls, jigsaws, fluffy toys, dolls, colouring books, felt tip pens, Lego, yoyo's."

"Boxes for teenage boys and girls up to the age of 18 contain such items as make-up, toiletries, sportswear, gloves, writing materials, comb, mirror and football memorabilia."

A statement in support of the bid said: "As a result of the gipsy and traveller accommodation assessment conducted nationally from 2008, a shortfall in the number of pitches was identified in certain locations within the county."

"The council has a duty to provide allocated land to meet these needs county wide."

"Land at Glovers Meadow has been identified and promoted as a suitable site for longer term accommodation for travelling showpeople, their caravans and trailers, and application is now being made for a change of use of the former waste and recycling centre for this purpose."

"Shropshire Council has submitted an application to Homes and Communities Agency through the Affordable Homes Programme for funding towards development of additional pitches at three existing sites in the county, including this site."

"The application proposes the change of use of land to provide a residential site for a local family of travelling showpeople, currently on a temporary site in Oswestry."

"It is proposed a maximum of five static caravans/trailers and additional touring vans will be stationed on the site, and traffic movements will be limited to domestic travel, with movement of the trailers to travel to local shows on an occasional basis."

Planners hope to determine the application by November 15.

County MP opens NFU site



Leigh Shackleton, general manager, NFU Mutual, Stuart Chackfield and Mark Jones NFU Oswestry, Owen Paterson MP and director general of NFU Andy Robertson at the opening of the NFU offices in Oswestry.

SHROPSHIRE MP Owen Paterson has officially opened the new offices of the National Farmers' Union in the county.

And during the opening in Oswestry, farmers from across the county quizzed both the new Environment minister and Andy Robertson, the new director general of the National Farmers' Union in Oswestry.

Several farmers urged both Mr Paterson and Mr Robertson to continue to press for a nationwide badger cull to help contain the bovine TB epidemic.

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs says two trial culls are to take place over six weeks and the effects on the badger population will be closely monitored before a decision is made on whether to roll the cull out across the country.

One of the farmers at the opening of the NFU and NFU Mutual offices was Wynn Griffiths from Llansantffraid.

"I would want Mr Paterson to continue to press for a badger cull," he said.

Swimming for babies classes at hospital

A SWIMMING group which is starting new classes in a pool near Oswestry is celebrating its 10th birthday.

Swimming franchise, Puddle Ducks, was launched in 2002 by friends and new mums, Tracy Townend and Jo Stone, and was one of the first baby swimming companies in the UK.

It is now bringing Saturday classes to the therapy pool at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, in Gobowen.

Puddle Ducks South Cheshire, run by Congleton-based mums Emma King and Jess Knowles, are running the sessions to teach babies and toddlers swimming and lifesaving skills.

Children from birth to age five can take part and classes last 30 minutes and include submersion, floating, songs and games.

Emma, said: "I firmly believe that swimming is a skill that all children should be taught from an early age. It's fun, helps them interact with other children and encourages them to lead a healthy life style."

Classes at the hospital start at 1.30pm and run on Saturdays until December 8. Half term will be on November 3. To book or for more information call (01260) 281131 or visit www.puddle-ducks.com/franchisees/7

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Well maintained home would suit commuter

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The first floor has a master bedroom with ensuite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom.

The property has a private drive and a single garage. The back garden is well designed and includes a patio and lawns.

For details contact Halls on 01938 555 552 or go to www.hallsestateagents.co.uk

Impressive house with annexe plus 21 acres

Pen y Wern, is an impressive four bedroom house with a three bedroom annexe, at Pentre.

The property is approached along a tree-lined avenue, and stands in 21.5 acres, with a stable yard, tack room, barn, terrace, gardens, paddocks and four garages.

A particular feature of the house is its ability to be used either as a seven bedroom house or as a main house with four bedrooms and three bathrooms supported by an annexe with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a reception room and a kitchen.

This can be particularly useful for guests staying, older children or indeed older relatives.

Built in the 1970s it is constructed of brick under a

tilled roof. The house is extremely well presented with all renovation and maintenance been carried out to a very high standard whilst still maintaining a wonderful family feeling.

The kitchens in the house are less than three years old as well as a couple of the bathrooms and the Aga has been completely updated.

The kitchen and living room are approximately 9m x 4m. The ground floor has two more reception rooms, a conservatory and a utility, and a large porch links the annexe.

The main house has a large master bedroom with ensuite, three double bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Outside there are several outbuildings including a new

open fronted barn 30' x 30' and 4-bay garage. Adjoining the garaging is a hay barn, 3 single loose boxes and 3 double loose boxes together with an up to date tack room and a hay barn.

All the stables and garages have been re-roofed within the last five years. The stables open up onto four paddocks which cross the drive and swing round in front of the house.

The property has far reaching views although it is only a short distance from the village of Nesscliffe.

Pen y Wern is on sale through Balfours for £1.2 million. For details call 01743 353511 or visit

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Three bed semi on sale with no upward chain

Offers in the region of £143,950 are invited for number 22 Churchfields, St Martins, Oswestry, which is on the market with no upward chain. This three bedroom semi detached property is located within the village of St Martins and boasts front and rear gardens, a detached garage and off road parking for family vehicles. Inside there is a modern kitchen, a conservatory, and a master bedroom with ensuite facilities.

For further information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodhead-estates.com



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Spacious family home looks out over open countryside

On the market with Bowen Son & Watson for offers around £289,995, Adele Cottage, Bagley, near Ellesmere, is a spacious and well presented four-bedroomed detached family home with extensive grounds and views over open countryside. The property is situated in the picturesque hamlet of Bagley within a short distance of Ellesmere. It has oil central heating, double glazing and ample parking. The rear gardens have been landscaped to create an ideal outdoor entertainment area.

For further information please contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk



Converted stone barn offering development opportunity

The sale of a property in Nantmawr, Oswestry offers a rare opportunity to acquire a converted stone barn with two reception rooms, two bedrooms, bathroom and utility with a first floor annexe with a breakfast/sitting room, kitchenette, double bedroom and shower room. Planning has also been granted for an extensive stone house in need of renovation to comprise two reception rooms, five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a garage all set around an enclosed patio terrace. The gardens and grounds in all amount to around 1.69 acres. It is for sale through Roger Parry at £300,000. The approved plans are available for inspection in the agent's Oswestry office.

For more information please contact Roger Parry on 01691 655335 or visit www.rogerparry.net



Extended four bedroomed semi has been modernised

4, Penteg is an extended semi-detached house by the village of Kinnerley, well placed for Oswestry and Shrewsbury. On sale for £190,000, the spacious house has been extended and modernised over the past eight years. Improvements include double glazing, oil-fired central heating and a multifuel stove. The property has four bedrooms, a modern bathroom and a cloakroom, lounge, dining room and a refitted kitchen. There is parking for three cars, and landscaped gardens with a patio, pergola and outbuildings backing on to farmland.

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Double-fronted spacious house needs some updating

Treheym, Wellington Road, Llandrindod Wells is a double-fronted detached house which was built around 1900. On sale for £145,000 with no chain, the house requires updating but has spacious, well proportioned rooms. There are three reception rooms, a cloakroom, a kitchen and a large cellar. On the first floor there are four bedrooms and a bathroom and four attic rooms with sloping ceilings. Outside there is parking for three cars, a small front lawn and a private back garden with a large terrace, lawn and fruit trees. For details contact Morgan & Co on 01597 825682 or go to www.morganestateagents.co.uk

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Very versatile period property is full of original features

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Treflach, Nr Oswestry



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Price Guide £650,000



Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

Occupying a pleasant position within this recently constructed development Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most immaculately presented and deceptively spacious two double bedroom modern detached bungalow to the market which has the benefit of a detached double garage, most attractively landscaped gardens and rooftop views. In brief the property comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Living Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating. Agents Note: The property is conveniently placed for Llanfyllin town centre which has a good selection of local amenities. Viewing Fully Recommended.

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Cae Melin Avenue, Oswestry

2 bedroom mid terraced town house which enjoys a pleasant position within this recently constructed development. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Ground Floor WC, Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garden to Rear, Parking and Garage. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £127,500



Plas Ffynnon Way

3 bedroom modern detached family house which enjoys a popular residential locality and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Gardens, Driveway and Garage. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £175,000



Fitzgwarine Drive, Whittington

4 bedroom detached family house which offers well proportioned accommodation to include: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens. MUST BE SEEN.

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Offers in Region of £299,000



Station Road, Gobowen

4 bed det. residence with spacious 2 bed annex. Two Reception, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Feature Balcony/Sun Terrace. The Annex comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two and Family Bathroom. Gas Fired CH, DG where stated, Extensive Parking and Gardens.

Offers in Region of £385,000



Longueville Drive, Oswestry

3 bed detached family house to include: fitted kitchen, utility and neatly landscaped gardens. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing as stated, Double width driveway, Garage and neatly landscaped gardens.

Offers in Region of £175,000



Greenhill Bank, Criffins

A spacious and most comfortably appointed 4 bedroom detached house to the market which enjoys a delightful rural position conveniently placed for Glanworth, St Martin's and Oswestry. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Bath & Shower Ensuite, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off street parking, Car Port and Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in Region of £237,000



Coppice Drive, Oswestry

3 bed mature semi detached house which is situated near to Old Oswestry Hill Fort. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off road parking and generous rear garden. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in region of £129,950



Milars Field, Morda

2 bedroom modern bungalow which enjoys an edge of village location with pleasant views to the fore and a generous plot. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Generous Rear Garden and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £149,950



Treflach, Nr Oswestry

Tastefully improved by the current owners Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character 3 bedroom detached cottage to the market which enjoys a lovely village location with enviable garden and delightful countryside views. The property briefly comprises: Living Room with feature inglenook fireplace, Refitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Sitting Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated and Extensive Parking. Early Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £230,000



Wern, Llanymynech

4 bed detached edge of village residence which enjoys truly delightful views and landscaped gardens of approx 0.25 acres. The property briefly comprises: Three Reception Rooms, Generous Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Double Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £325,000



Roft Street, Oswestry

3 bedroom detached Victorian town house which has been sympathetically improved over the years by the present owners yet still retaining a wealth of character features. The property offers the discerning buyer the opportunity to purchase a truly delightful family residence offering central town living. EARLY VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in Region of £249,950



Beresford Gardens, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties Ltd are delighted to introduce this modern three storey townhouse situated within a short walking distance from the town centre amenities, the property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Downstairs WC, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor with Master Bedroom, Further Bedroom and Family Bathroom, Second Floor comprising Two Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. The property benefits from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing where stated.

£189,950



Bath Banks, Selattyn

Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most individual detached family residence which enjoys a delightful situation within this sought after village. Due to the attached annexe and studio flat/office the property lends itself to separate rental income and/or for the working professional who wishes to work from home. Driveway providing ample off-road parking, Two Large Garages and most attractively landscaped gardens enjoying countryside views. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in the Region of £465,000



Monkmoor Road, Oswestry

2 bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a convenient location for local amenities and transport links together with most attractively landscaped gardens. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Spacious Living Room, Kitchen, Dining Room, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom, Further Bedroom and Family Bathroom, Breakfast Room, Inner Hall, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway, Carport and Garage.

Offers in the Region of £169,950



Mount Drive, Oswestry

5 bedroom Victorian detached family house which retains many original period features and enjoys a private and much sought after locally convenient position for local town amenities. The property benefits from extensive landscaped gardens, garage, workshop and sun room. Viewing fully recommended to fully appreciate the accommodation and location on offer.

Price Guide £365,000



Treflach, Nr Oswestry

2 double bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location. The property briefly comprises: Spacious L shaped Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Lobby, WC, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway, Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £219,950



Victoria Road, Oswestry

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Offers in Region of £179,995

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£325,000



NEW - NO CHAIN

- A most comfortably appointed Detached Three Bedroom Dormer Bungalow situated in a premier area towards the outskirts of the Town
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Sun Conservatory, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility, Cloakroom with shower, Master Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom.
- On the first floor a further Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Double glazing, Gas C/H
- Garage, enclosed lawned gardens with shrubs and soft fruit trees.
- A private driveway to the fore from a shared initial access road

Primrose Lane
Pant

£299,950



NO CHAIN - PANORAMIC VIEWS

- A most comfortably appointed Detached 5 Bedroom Bungalow
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Study, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Conservatory, Utility, Occasional Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
- Four further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, En Suite Shower Room
- Double glazing, Oil C/H. Three Garages,
- Lawned gardens with panoramic views over the Welsh Borders and Shropshire Plain



NEW

Malthouse Close
Whittington

£217,950

- A most impressive Modern Detached Family Residence that presents a fine and spacious home set in a premier area of Whittington which is only a short distance from Oswestry.
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, a Large Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room,
- Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom,
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom.
- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, delightful gardens and grounds together with a garage.

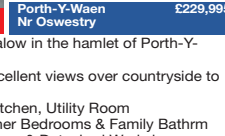


NEW

Porth-Y-Waen
Nr Oswestry

£229,995

- A spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in the hamlet of Porth-Y-Waen
- Situated in a large elevated plot with excellent views over countryside to rear
- Ent Hall, Large Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with Shower Rm, 3 other Bedrooms & Family Bathrm
- Large garden at rear with raised patio area & Detached Workshop
- Large driveway with ample parking, D/G and Oil C/H



NEW - NO CHAIN

Llanforda Mead
Oswestry

£275,000

- A most impressive and spacious Detached Family Residence that has been extensively improved throughout by the present owners to present a delightful family home
- Entrance Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, a Large Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room,
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom.
- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, delightful gardens and grounds together with a double garage



NO CHAIN

High Fawr Avenue
Oswestry

£360,000

- A most spacious high specification Detached House situated in a superb location overlooking open fields to rear
- Ent Porch, Cloaks, Wide Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Conservatory off, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
- Four Double Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Luxury Bathroom
- Extensive gardens, fully landscaped with a large patio & ornamental lawns
- D/G, Gas C/H, security system, double garage & ample parking for several vehicles including a caravan

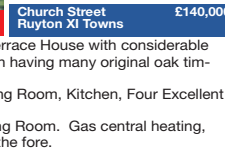


NO CHAIN

Church Street
Ruyton XI Towns

£140,000

- A most impressive and spacious Mid-Terraced House with considerable character and generous accommodation having many original oak timbers and features.
- Entrance Hall/Study, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Four Excellent Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom, a Large Landing Sitting Room. Gas central heating, enclosed garden to the rear, parking to the fore.

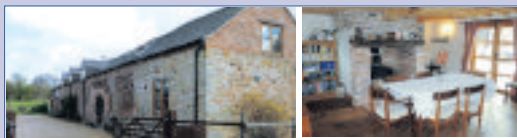


- A well positioned and comfortably appointed Mid Terraced House
- Situated in a popular location and offering generous accommodation
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen with Appliances,
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas C/H,
- Garden to the rear with store shed.

Croeswylan Lane
Oswestry

£349,950

- A most comfortably appointed & spacious Detached House situated in a premier location
- Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study
- Snug, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Rear Lobby/Utility, 4 Bedrooms
- En-Suite shower & Family Bathroom
- Large Attic Room currently used for recreational purposes
- Gas C/H, double garage, patio & delightful gardens to rear with a southward facing aspect

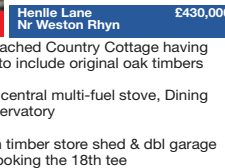


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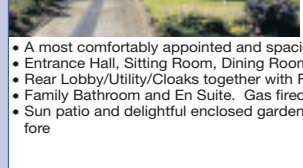
Henlle Lane
Nr Weston Rhyn

£430,000

- A superbly appointed and delightful Detached Country Cottage having been carefully renovated and improved to include original oak timbers and a wealth of old oak beams
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Study, Sitting Rm with central multi-fuel stove, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility, Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms, Two Family Bathrooms
- Approached over a gravel driveway with timber store shed & dbl garage
- Adjacent to Henlle Park Golf Club overlooking the 18th tee



- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Lobby/Utility/Cloaks together with Four Excellent Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom and En Suite. Gas fired central heating, double glazing
- Sun patio and delightful enclosed gardens to the rear. Ample parking to fore



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£230,000

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Period country property in secluded position with grass paddock, 2 orchards & scheduled Motte-and-Bailey castle
● 3 Reception Rooms
● Kitchen
● Office
● Utility/Store
● 3 Bedrooms
● 2 Bathrooms
● Outstanding Views
● Adjoining Woodland
JJD798

£325,000

OSWESTRY



Attractive Victorian Terraced House.
● Partial Gas C/H
● 2 Reception rooms
● Modern fitted kitchen
● 2 Beds
● Modern bathroom
● Loft/bedroom 3
● Rear yard and garden
JJD710

O.N.O. £119,750

GLYN CEIRIOG, LLANGOLLEN



Outstanding country property in 5 acres of natural woodland
● Exceptionally well appointed
● 3 reception rooms
● Period features
● Kitchen
● 4 Beds with master en-suite
● 2 Bathrooms
● Double garage
JJD602

O.I.O. £410,000

PANT



Individually designed highly appointed three bedroomed detached house
● O/F C/H, D/G
● Lounge & Study
● Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
● Sun Room
● Bathroom & En-Suite
● Garage & Car Parking
● Good Sized Garden Plot
● Extensive Views Down Severn Valley
JJD762

PRICE ON APPLICATION £0

OSWESTRY



Traditional Four Bedroom Semi Detached Town House Occupying a Quiet Cul De Sac Position Within Walking Distance of the Town Centre
● Gas Fired Central Heating
● Two Reception Rooms
● Cloakroom/Utility
● Four Bedrooms
● Detached Garage
● Rear Garden
JJD794

£165,000

OSWESTRY



Well Appointed Three Bedroom Detached House Occupying Attractive Corner Plot In Quiet Area Overlooking The Town
● GFCH UPVC DG
● Large Lounge/Dining Room
● Kitchen
● Three Beds
● Garage Car Port
● Extensive Parking
● Lawned And Patio Gardens
JJD789

£174,950

OSWESTRY



Well Maintained Three Bedroomed detached bungalow located Within Walking Distance of the Town
● Gas Fired Central Heating
● Double Glazing
● Reception Hall
● Lounge
● Kitchen
● Three Bedrooms
● Garage
● Front and Rear Gardens
JJD800

£149,950

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● Oil CH & D/Glazing
● Entrance Porch
● Dining Kitchen
● Living Room
● Three Bedrooms
● Cloakroom
● Garage
● Good Sized Attractive Garden
● Potential Use For B & B
● Further Scope For Extension
JJD798

£249,000

PORTH-Y-WAEN



Exceptionally well appointed country property with double garaging and workshop, garden and small paddock
● 2 Good sized reception rooms
● Breakfast Kitchen
● 3 Beds
● En-suite
● Bathroom
JJD749

£274,500

RHOSYGADFA, NR. GOBOWEN



Most attractive award winning barn conversion
● GFCH & D/G
● 3 Reception Rooms
● 4 Beds & 2 Bathrooms
● 5 Acres
● Separate Cottage
● Useful Outbuilding
● Splendid views of countryside And Shropshire Union Canal
JJD716

GUIDE £575,000

PANT, NR. OSWESTRY



Attractive elevated single building plot occupying village position, having the benefit of its own driveway with a south facing aspect affording fine views over the village and the Shropshire Plain towards Rodney's Pillar.
JJD674

GUIDE PRICE £105,000

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**INSPECTION
RECOMMENDED**

Knockin Heath, Oswestry

A mature residence requiring general modernisation and upgrading, set in gardens and grounds extending to 3.03 acres, with further adjoining paddock extending to 2.15 acres available by separate negotiation. Hall, drawing room, dining room, snug/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room/utility room, downstairs WC, six bedrooms, family bathroom, WC. Adjoining the property is a former doctor's surgery with its own external door, giving scope for conversion to granny annexe or home work accommodation. Oil CH, range of garaging, workshops, store rooms. Large formal gardens to the rear with orchard, large vegetable garden, adjoining small area of woodland to the front.

Guide Price: POA

3061



Rhoswell, Oswestry

An attractive Grade II Listed family residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/back kitchen, boot room/tack room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay Dutch barn, two paddocks. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £630,000

2910



Llanyblodwel

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloak lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. For further information contact our Oswestry office on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000

2858



**ADJOINING THE
RIVER TANAT**

Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A unique riverside property, renovated and modernised to an exceptionally high standard including many traditional period features. Reception hall, open plan living room with modern fitted kitchen, utility room with WC, dining room, drawing room, four double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom. Set in its own tranquil grounds and abuts the River Tanat, situated in the quiet residential village of Llanyblodwel. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £410,000

2802



**BRAND NEW
CONVERSIONS**

Edgerley, Nr Oswestry

A range of interesting former barns, presently being converted into four luxury units, located in the hamlet of Edgerley, situated approximately 12 miles from Shrewsbury and seven miles from Oswestry. There are currently two units remaining. The Drift House is a three double bedroom unit and The Parlour has four good size bedrooms. They are converted to a high standard with quality fittings throughout, having ground heating source CH, wood framed DG, pleasant private gardens and detached double garages. They also have the option to purchase a small paddock by separate negotiation. The barns have a guide price of £325,000 each, to arrange a viewing or for further information contact Agents on 01743 343343.

Guide Price: £325,000

2897



Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000



Horsemarket, Oswestry

An impressive spacious semi-detached period property restored to an exceptional standard, set in a convenient central town oasis location, within a part of Oswestry that is a conservation area. The well planned accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, large breakfast kitchen, utility and ironing room, cellar, luxury fitted bathroom with double shower and roll top bath, and four double bedrooms. Fine gardens, grounds and patio, external parking for three cars. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £265,000



Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a friendly family atmosphere and a wealth of character features. Two large lounge bar areas, games room (previously used as a dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and associated store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with ample parking for around 20 cars, paddock which could be utilised as a beer garden or camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, less than a mile off the A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, The Original Ball is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £247,500



Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acres including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

Guide Price: £399,000

2717



**SET IN APPROX
2.5 ACRES**

Penygarrag Lane, Pant

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded dingle extending to approx 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities.

Guide Price: £395,000

2962



WITH 3.75 ACRES

Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts.

Guide Price: £350,000

1962



**EARLY INSPECTION
RECOMMENDED**

Dudston, Nr Chirbury

A truly delightful detached period cottage, renovated to a very high traditional standard, having oil CH, oak framed DG, set in good sized gardens in a private location enjoying lovely outlooks over surrounding countryside. Sitting room, kitchen, large master bedroom, further bedroom, luxury bathroom. With Planning Permission for a considerable extension which would give further accommodation comprising: two reception rooms, new kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms and further bathroom. Contact agents for further details.

Guide Price: £245,000

3067



Llandrinio, Llanymynech

An attractive and deceptively spacious detached dormer style house with oil CH, uPVC DG, ample parking, garage, and garden. Occupying a very convenient position in the village, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury. Reception hall, living room, dining room, recently fitted luxury kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ground floor bedroom and bathroom, landing, three further good size bedrooms, and separate WC.

Guide Price: £232,500

2190



Llansantffraid

An attractive, three bedroom detached double fronted, stone cottage, believed to date back to the 1790's and retaining a wealth of exposed timbers, and many period features. The property occupies a convenient position about one mile from the centre of the village with a range of local amenities and has the benefits of L.P. gas CH, parking and gardens. Hall, sitting room with wood burner, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, landing, three bedrooms, and bathroom.

Guide Price: £199,950

2870



Four Crosses, Llanymynech

A large detached modern property, set in easily maintained gardens, offering spacious accommodation comprising: large through entrance hall, sitting room, large conservatory, dining room, eat in kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom and family bathroom with separate shower. Oil CH, open fronted carport and easily positioned for local amenities and the towns of Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool.

Guide Price: £189,950

2768



**THREE BEDROOMS
PART-EX CONSIDERED**

Lilac Grove, Oswestry

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property: hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom and a separate WC.

Guide Price: £145,000

2941



**WITH FOUR
BEDROOMS**

Roundwood Close, Oswestry

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH wood framed DG, and ample private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse.

Guide Price: £139,500

2985



Church Street, Oswestry

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Guide Price: £75,000

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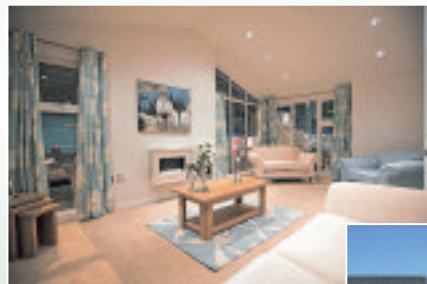
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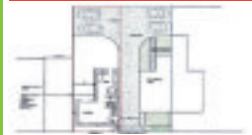
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- Three Storey Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Gardens
- Close to Town Centre
- Gas Central Heating

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PANDY



- Detached House
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- Oil Central Heating



- Pretty Village Location
- Beamed Ceilings
- uPVC Double Glazing

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OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Views Over The Green



- Parking and Garage
- Good Sized Garden
- **REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE**

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OSWESTRY



- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Mid Terrace House

£120,000



- Rear Gardens
- Cul de Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating

OSWESTRY



- Corner Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- In Need of Updating



- Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Convenient Location

£120,000

OSWESTRY



- Three Bedroom House
- Off Road Parking
- Three Bedrooms



- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Converted Loft Room

£125,000

PANT



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- In Need of Some Updating
- Views from the Rear
- Parking & Garage
- D. Glazing / LPG Heating

£139,950



TREFONEN



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Location



- Large Gardens
- Oil Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing

£149,950

OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Sought After Location
- Cul de Sac Position
- Attractive Gardens

£225,000

OSWESTRY



- Modern Town House
- No Chain
- Three/Four Bedrooms

£180,000



- Off Road Parking
- Ensuite & Utility
- Single Garage

LLANYGYNOG



- Detached Bungalow
- Good Sized Gardens
- Deceptively Spacious



- Views over Open Fields
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Edge of Village Location

£209,950

PANT



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Attractive Gardens

£195,000



- Cul de Sac Location
- Ensuite & Utility
- Spacious Accommodation

LLANGYNOG



- Detached Country Cottage
- Beautiful Presentation
- Views Over Tanat Valley
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Parking & Garage
- Ensuite & Utility

£249,950

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- Detached Family Home
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Wesley Cottage, Babbinswood

Price: £230,000

NEW **NO CHAIN**

This former Wesleyan Chapel is now a lovely family home offering two reception rooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom & shower room.

- 4 Bedroom
- Carport & Parking
- Private Cottage Gardens
- Hot Tub
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Contact Shrewsbury



Breidden View, Wern, Llanymynech

Price: £239,950

NEW

This DETACHED family home is ideally situated for walking enthusiasts, located centrally and close to Montgomery Canal, Offa's Dyke, Llanymynech Hill, Llyncllys Common and Rodney's Pillar.

- 4 Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- South Facing Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Village Location

Contact Oswestry



Caethle, Meifod

Price: £275,000

NEW

A 15th century three bedroom detached character cottage overlooking the Penarth Valley, this property needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated

- 3 Bed Detached Cottage
- Oil Central Heating
- Workshop & Barn
- Gardens
- Rural Location

Contact Oswestry



Glandwr, Llanfyllid

Price: £199,500

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A remarkable Victorian period residence situated in the picturesque hamlet of Llanfyllid near to the Tanat River.

- 3 Bedroom Inc. 1 With Dressing Room
- Attic Room
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Hamlet Location

Contact Oswestry



Rhyd Hir, Llanfyllid

Price: £375,000

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A detached country cottage set in a peaceful rural location within a short drive from the popular Welsh Border town of Llanfyllid.

- 4 Bedrooms (2 Master Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Gardens & Babbling Brook
- Rural Setting

Contact Oswestry



Monkmoor Road, Oswestry

Price: £115,950

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A semi detached bungalow situated in a prime residential area of Oswestry

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Carport & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Contact Oswestry



Parkgate Lodge, Chirk

Price: £415,000

NEW

An imposing Grade II listed Georgian family home situated in a most convenient location with excellent commuter links and leisure pursuits nearby.

- 4 En-Suite Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Ample Parking
- Gardens
- Solid Oak Kitchen
- Contemporary Interiors

Contact Oswestry



Skylarks, Pant

Price: £299,950

NEW

This detached family home is deceptively spacious, situated on an elevated position with panoramic views across the Shropshire Plain and to the Breidden Hills and Rodney's Pillar.

- 4/5 Bedrooms (2 With En-Suites)
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- B & B Potential
- Stands In 0.23 Of An Acre
- Garage, Workshop & Parking

Contact Oswestry



Tidwell, West Felton

Price: £274,950

NO CHAIN

A detached modern family home in excellent decorative order situated in a pleasant and popular village location with double garage, four bedrooms and landscaped gardens.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Double Garage & Parking
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen / Breakfast Room

Contact Oswestry



Linden Croft, Llanymynech

Price: £139,950

NO CHAIN

On an elevated plot, a three bedroom semi detached family home situated in an edge of village location with views to the Breidden Hills and Rodney's Pillar to the front and Llanymynech Hill to the rear.

- 3 Bedroom Semi
- Elevated Position
- Garage & Parking
- Some Modernisation Required
- Oil Central Heating
- Edge Of Village Location

Contact Oswestry



Berllan Close, Rhoswiel

Price: £219,950

A most spacious and well presented four bedroom detached family home enjoying a corner plot at the head of this popular cul-de-sac within a short walk to Llangollen Canal.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Integral Garage & Parking
- Partial Double Glazing
- PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED

Contact Oswestry



Maes Myllin, Llanfyllid

Price: £234,950

NO CHAIN

In excellent decorative order this four bedroom town house and former B&B is a MUST see property. Offering spacious accommodation over three floors with superb 23ft by 23ft master bedroom ensuite.

- 4 Beds (Inc Master Suite)
- Views Over Llanfyllid Town & The Hills
- NHBC Guarantee
- Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Contact Oswestry



Yew Tree Close, Whittington

Price: £182,500

A four bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac location in a pleasant and popular village. This property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing

- 4 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Village Location

Contact Oswestry



The Manse, Llanymynech

Price: Offers Invited £259,900

This substantial detached Edwardian family home and established 4. B&B is situated at the heart of the village near to Offa's Dyke path.

- 4 Double Bedrooms & En-Suites.
- 4 Reception Rooms.
- Mature Detached House.
- Garage & Parking.
- Gardens.
- Part Exchange Considered

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Quinta Cottage, Ruyton XI Towns

Price: £214,950

NO CHAIN

A charming detached sandstone cottage situated in a sought after village location with stunning views.

- 2 Bedroom Cottage.
- Sought After Village.
- Lovely Cottage Gardens.
- Gas Central Heating.
- UPVC Double Glazing.
- Stunning Views.

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Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry

Price: £169,950

A detached three bedroom family home situated in a popular sought after residential area with private rear gardens with views over Oswestry Town.

- 3 Bedroom Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Garage & Parking
- Views Over Town
- Sought After Area

Contact Oswestry



Overton Road, St Martins

Price: £249,995

NO CHAIN

A well appointed four bedroom detached family home that has been updated and extended by the current vendors, located on the outskirts of the village.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2/3 Reception Rooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Double Garage & Parking
- Garden

Contact Oswestry



Fron Isaf, Chirk

Price: £154,950

NO CHAIN

This quaint country property dates back to the 1800s and benefits from panoramic views of the North Shropshire Plain. Situated just over the border and near to Chirk Castle this extended three bedroom cottage must be viewed to be appreciated.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Detached Garage / Workshop
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SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £229,000

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2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OIRO £199,950

NEW




Llansilin BERWYNFA
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £199,950

NEW PRICE



Oswestry THE CEDARS
3/4 DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £184,950

NEW



Oswestry 6 BARBER CLOSE
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OIRO £124,950

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Oswestry 30 MONKMOOR ROAD
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NO CHAIN
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
D/G WHERE STATED
OIRO £115,950

NEW




Oswestry 36 BROOKHOUSE ROAD
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NO CHAIN
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OFFERS OVER £110,000

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Maesbury Marsh 17 MARSH FIELDS
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
UTILITY ROOM
SUN ROOM
OIRO £109,950

NEW



Oswestry 90 ALBERT ROAD
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Converted barn in tranquil location has stunning views

Hen Gor in the hamlet of Nantyr is a three bedroomed detached barn conversion in a tranquil rural location. Two miles from Glyn Ceiriog, the recently extended property is on sale for £365,000. It sits in around a third of an acre with outbuildings including a workshop, office, store room, stable, kennels and pole barn. The property has spectacular countryside views and picture windows in the sun lounge and master bedroom take full advantage. There are three bedrooms (one ensuite), a bathroom, two reception rooms, a fitted kitchen and a utility room.

For more information please contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

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End terrace property would be ideal for first time buyer

5 Castle Street, Oswestry is an end terrace town house with parking for at least two vehicles, which would make an ideal investment or first time buy. It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £99,950 with no chain. With gas central heating and double glazing it has a lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, front garden area and rear yard area.

For more information please contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk

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Immaculately presented four bedroomed town house

6 Barber Close, Oswestry is an immaculately presented three/four bedroomed town house with enviable living accommodation. It is for sale through Woodhead Estates at £169,950. It has a kitchen/diner, study, utility, downstairs wc, en-suite master bedroom, double glazing, gas central heating, off road parking, garage, and a rear garden.

For more information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

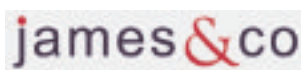
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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Victorian town house has been sympathetically improved

The Firs, 52 Roft Street, Oswestry is a spacious character three bedroomed detached Victorian town house that has been sympathetically improved over the years by the present owners.

It is for sale through Richmond Harvey at £249,950. It has a porch, entrance hall, sitting room, living room, sun room, kitchen, wc, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, front low maintenance garden rear garden and office/playroom. For further information contact 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com

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Modernised mid-terraced Grade II listed Georgian property

3 Rose Cottages is a delightful Grade II Listed mid-terrace Georgian property in the popular village of Llansantffraid, on the market for £125,000. Most rooms have exposed beams, timbers and wall panelling and the main reception room has two inglenook fireplaces. On the ground floor there is a large reception room, inner lobby, kitchen and utility room. Upstairs there are two bedrooms and a bathroom. The back gardens are deceptively spacious and well landscaped. The property has been totally modernised and improved, including a new oil-fired boiler.

For more information please contact Halls on 01938 555552 or go to www.hallsestateagents.co.uk



Sizeable bungalow in half an acre amid lovely countryside

A sizeable bungalow in picturesque Mid Wales countryside is on sale for offers in the region of £235,000. Haul-fryn, in the village of Carno, near Caersws has approximately half an acre of grounds including a useful pad-dock. The house has an entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/diner, utility room and a conservatory. There are three bedrooms and a bathroom and outside there is ample parking and a garage.

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Guide £1.495 million



KEMBERTON, SHROPSHIRE

Elegant listed village house with country views ♦ 2 reception rooms & study area ♦ kitchen, garden room & breakfast room ♦ 4 bedrooms ♦ 3 bathrooms (2 en suite) ♦ garaging & gardens of about 1.2 acres

Guide £995,000

NEW PRICE



SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE

Pretty period house close to town ♦ 3 reception rooms & conservatory ♦ 4 bedrooms (1 en suite), dressing room & bathroom ♦ double garage/workshop ♦ generous private gardens

Guide £500,000

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SHAWBURY, SHROPSHIRE

Handsome Georgian edge of village house ♦ 2 reception rooms ♦ study & play room ♦ 6 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms (1 en suite) ♦ leisure suite with gym ♦ garaging & stables ♦ about 4.9 acres

Guide £1.3 million



MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE

Impressive Georgian town house ♦ 3 reception rooms & garden room ♦ summer room, library & cellars ♦ 7 bedrooms ♦ 3 bathrooms ♦ garden with swimming pool & orchard ♦ about 0.7 acres

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IRONBRIDGE, SHROPSHIRE

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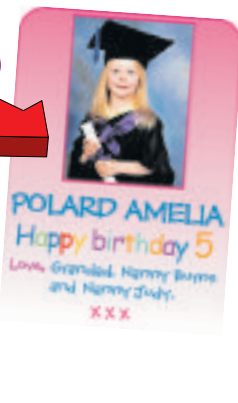
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NEWS

Parking fears of disabled drivers

OSWESTRY'S disabled drivers fear that all on-street parking could be removed in the town.

Oswestry Town Council has backed Shropshire Council plans to bring in a no loading restriction in Smithfield Road, which will prevent anyone, including disabled drivers, parking on the town centre road.

Angela Bright, chairwoman of Oswestry Access Group, said the decision would discourage blue badge holders from visiting Oswestry.

She said: "It just seems to me that they want to get rid of all on-street parking in Oswestry."

"I think in the long run this will be the wrong decision."

"You want to make the town as accessible as you can to blue badge holders to encourage them to come."

"You want to make parking easier for everyone. If you go to Wrexham you find the parking is very easy."

"I think this is the wrong decision. You want to encourage everyone to

come into Oswestry and that includes making parking easy for everyone."

"There are so many shops closing in Oswestry it has become a real worry. This decision will not help the situation."

Shropshire Council is considering a no loading restriction from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm on the street, which runs alongside Marks and Spencer. Oswestry Town Council say they would prefer to see the restriction from 8.30am until 6.30pm.

Fire chiefs in talks over arson attacks

by Graham Breeze

FIREFIGHTERS battling the scourge of deliberate fires in Oswestry have met residents to offer advice and reassurance.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service risk reduction team attended the Police and Communities Together (PACT) event at Oswestry Leisure Centre after a number of deliberate fires in the Castlefields Estate and Holly Green area of town. Most attacks were on wheelie bins in Castlefields last month.

Two other incidents were in the town centre and another in Holly Green.

Derek Taylor, from Shropshire Fire and Rescue, said: "We are still working together with the police and council to try and eliminate future problems."

"We have been doing work in the local schools and fire-fighters have been working with the youth cafes."

"We have also come along to the PACT meeting to talk to anybody with concerns and give out leaflets about fly tipping and rubbish."

He said firefighters had also taken part in face to face conversations with people in the areas of Oswestry affected to reassure and offer advice.

"We are part of the risk reduction team that works across the county. When we have a problem such as this we work with other agencies to try and combat the problem," he said.

Previously Inspector Rik Klair, Oswestry's senior police officer, revealed he had been working with other agencies to tackle problem of deliberate fires, including the fire service and Shropshire Council.

He said police had stepped up patrols in the area and officers would be reporting any potential fire hazards to the council.

Officers would also be searching and seizing cigarettes and lighters from those under 18.

Inspector Klair sent a letter to residents in Castlefields explaining the steps taken by the police and other authorities while appealing for their support in helping trace the arsonists.

Results of traffic poll expected to be out soon

PEOPLE living in the heart of Oswestry should soon be given the results of a town centre traffic survey.

Shropshire Council carried out a study of traffic flow around the town centre in response to long-term concerns from residents.

Today Keith Barrow, leader of the council, said the survey's findings were being looked at.

He said: "We listened to the public who have told me they are concerned about traffic in parts of the town, and we will now consider the findings of the survey before deciding if anything needs to be done."

Peter Lloyd, chairman of Trinity Area Residents' Association, said: "Trinity Area Residents' Association wants to have the best balance in the town between the commercial and residential users and traffic."

"We are grateful that this survey has happened and that Shropshire Council is giving consideration to it."

Clothes for cash

PEOPLE in a Mid Wales town are being urged to turn old clothes into cash for the Firefighters' Charity. Welshpool Fire Station opened a new recycling bin outside the station in Severn Road.

Geography students head for the great outdoors

GEOGRAPHY students from Oswestry's Marches School enjoyed a weekend of outdoor activity in North Wales to complement their studies.

Twenty year 11 GCSE students took part in the event in Colomendy, North Wales.

School spokeswoman Amy Gregory said: "Luckily, the rain held off and students enjoy a weekend of outdoor team building activities, combined with studies along the coastline, helping them to complete their GCSE geography coursework."

"Students used a variety of fieldwork techniques to test several hypotheses based on coastal erosion and the effectiveness of management techniques used at various locations to prevent coastal erosion and pro-

tect the shoreline. With the sun shining, students were able to appreciate the beauty of the North Wales coastline and activities carried on into the evening with a camp fire."

Geography teacher, Georgina Walker, said: "It was fantastic to see the students so immensely engaged in their learning."

"These practical trips and fieldwork activities are so important for their development, both in and outside of the classroom."

"Having the opportunity to do these types of studies really intensifies their learning and helps to bring topics to life."

"Students commented on the journey home about how worthwhile the trip was and how they feel their GCSE coursework will have benefited as a direct result."

Anniversary gift



Back, from left, Ian Lloyd-Jones, from the Midlands Air Ambulance, and Albert Walker. Front, from left, Gina Constable, from the Midlands Air Ambulance, and Joyce Walker.

ALBERT and Joyce Walker, from Knockin, recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at the Sweeney Hall, near Oswestry.

Instead of presents the couple asked if they could have donations towards a charity.

The couple chose the Midlands Air Ambulance and raised £600. The Midlands Air Ambulance would like to say thanks to the Albert and Joyce.

Hall hosting concert for charity fund

A CONCERT to raise funds for the NSPCC children's charity will be held in the Llanyblodwel and Porthwaen Memorial Hall on October 19.

The evening has been organised by the Welsh borders branch of the NSPCC. Among those on stage will be the well-known tenor, Trebor Edwards, together with the Llansilin Choir and compere Sara James.

Tickets are £8 and available from Pam Morris on (01691) 648417.

NEWS

Council's concerns over cuts to police

COUNCILLORS say that impending restructuring in Mid Wales have left them 'fearing for the future' for policing in the area.

They were speaking after Montgomeryshire's police inspector Jonathan Tatton outlined changes to how the area is policed.

One of the major changes will be closing Welshpool police station to the public in November.

The inspector was asked to Llanfyllin Town Council after councillors raised fears about how the town would be policed and worries that their station would shut.

He told councillors the town police station would remain open but admitted he had concerns about the impact the impending closure of Welshpool police station would have.

He said: "There used to be inspectors in Welshpool and Newtown but due to cost reductions it was decided to do a bit of a cull of management rather than a of police constables and sergeants."

"At Welshpool there is a reduction in service, but they have not reduced any police officers."

After the meeting Councillor John Brautigam said he had not been reassured.

He said: "I fear for the present and I am really fearful for the future. "We will have to see what real impact this has," he said.

Market fails to win event but bosses set to try again

OSWESTRY market was pipped at the post in a national competition but officials say spirits have not been dampened and they will enter again next year.

Powis Hall, on Bailey Head, was entered into the Market Initiative of the Year category in the National Association Of British Market Authorities awards this year.

The ceremony was held in Harrogate at the NABMA annual conference. David Clough, Oswestry Town Council's market manager, hoped the hall could scoop the title because it has undergone a number of changes over the year. He said there were various new ideas and events introduced to help give it a boost.

by Graham Breeze

Thrill-seekers boost hospice

THRILL-seekers raised £3,500 for a hospice which treats North Shropshire people including patients from Oswestry by taking part in a white water raft race.

The fundraiser was hosted by White Water Active in Llangollen and the cash raised will go to Nightingale House Hospice.

Catherine Byrne, corporate fundraiser for Nightingale House, said: "Enormous thanks to all the teams for taking part and for so far raising £3,500."

"A special thanks to Rhonda Green and her team at White Water Active for hosting this popular annual event."

Rhonda Green said: "It has been a fantastic day and has raised a lot of money for the hospice, the team here at the centre were delighted to have been involved and many thanks to them for their work in organising and running the day."

Head boy joins dad for run



Oswestry School head boy Scott Vallely and his father Sean pictured during the Great North Run.

OSWESTRY School's head boy joined forces with his father to run the Great North Run to raise more than £1,100 for a Mid Wales charity.

Oswestry School pupil Scott Vallely, along with his father Sean, donned his running shoes to take part in the popular half marathon which was staged in Newcastle earlier this month. The money raised will go to the Evie's Dream charity.

The charity supports five-year-old Evie-Lou Harrington, from Llangynog, who has a form of cerebral palsy.

The Evie's Dream charity is currently raising funds for her to have a special operation which will allow her more movement in her legs and mean that hopefully one day she will be able to walk.

"Our school's Sixth Form Social Enterprise Club chose to support the Evie's Dream charity and a quiz evening has already raised more than £500," said Scott.

"So it was great to be able to complete the Great North Run with my dad to add over £1,100 to those fundraising efforts."

NEWS

in brief

Dream riding job for town student

A FORMER Ellesmere student has landed her dream job and flown out to Australia to become an event rider.

Cara Brewer, 22, left Walford and North Shropshire College with a triple distinction in horse management and did a degree in Equine Science at Aberystwyth university.

At the college she completed a Diploma in Horse Care as well as the two-year National Diploma in Horse Management.

Now she has flown to Australia to start a career as a New Event Rider on the eventing yard of a stud farm in Rylestone.

Holiday home bid for disused barn

A DISUSED barn in north Shropshire could be transformed into a holiday home after a planning application was submitted to Shropshire Council.

The dilapidated barn, next to Bridge House on Ellesmere Road in Tetchill, near Ellesmere, would be transformed into a two-bedroom home. Residents have until October 9 to comment on the plans.

Meeting delayed

THE annual meeting of a group in Oswestry has been postponed. Plas Ffynnon Millennium Green and Plas Ffynnon Community Field group has moved the date of its AGM to early next year.

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Safety message sent out to young

SAFETY advice including how to deal with bullying and internet abuse has been spelt out to hundreds of children from more than 20 Shropshire and Powys schools.

The annual LifeLine event was organised by the Rotary Club of Oswestry and brought vital safety messages to more than 400 Shropshire and Powys year six children from 23 different primary schools.

The event was the seventh time the club has organised the safety event and it was held at Park Hall near Oswestry.

Rotarian Graham Moss said: "The week-long event not only featured scenarios presented by police, fire service, road safety, Red Cross, National Union of Farmers, railway enthusiast and Coastguard representatives but also sessions on bullying, internet dangers and road safety delivered by members of the club.

"Many of the accompanying teachers commented on the particular relevance and effectiveness of the bullying and internet scenarios that the club had developed.

"Funded out of a legacy from well-known local teacher, writer and naturalist, Mary Hignett, participating schools only have to find a contribution to the cost of transporting pupils to the Park Hall event site."

Museum's funding bid for 1800s war memorial plans

VOLUNTEERS behind Oswestry Town Museum are working to create a memorial to those who fought in the wars of the 1800s and have just applied for a large cash grant.

Members of the new museum, on Bailey Head, launched a 2012 project earlier this year to remember the men who fought in the Peninsular War, the Battle of Waterloo and the Crimean War.

They have been fundraising ever since and are now applying for more than £4,000 from the Association of Independent Museums group. Mark Hignett, museum spokesman, said

by Graham Breeze

Course teaches camera skills

A THREE-week course is being run in Weston Rhyn to teach people digital photography skills.

The first session will take place on Monday at Weston Rhyn Institute from 7pm until 8.30pm.

The course is aimed at those who have some basic computer knowledge but would like to learn how to use their camera.

Sessions will include how to transfer photos, as well as making basic alterations to images.

Pam Manley, from Weston Rhyn Institute, said: "Anyone who has been given a digital camera but isn't quite sure how to use it will find this course very helpful."

Equipment is available but learners can bring their own laptop and camera if they have them.

The course costs £4 per session or £10 for the three weeks, payable on the day. Book a place in advance on (01743) 252571 or email broadplaces@shropshire.gov.uk

the idea was to provide one public commemorative memorial within the town and three individually framed Rolls of Honour, one for each of the three campaigns.

Part of the project also includes a booklet with details of each soldier, their rank, regiment and, where possible, a potted history of their lives and military service.

Mr Hignett wants to see it created before 2014 and ideally be in place by next March, the museum's first birthday. He estimated it would cost more than £5,000.

"We are just about to put in a grant application in," he said. "We have raised £600 towards the project. We will be quite hopeful about getting the grant money."

He said the volunteers were now drawing up a programme of events for 2013 to help with their fundraising. The museum officially opened in March this year and has, to date, welcomed more than 4,000 visitors through its doors.

The idea of the memorial is for educational purposes. In two years time, in 2014, it will be 100 years since the start of the Great War and 100 years of Wilfred Owen. Volunteers at the museum say 2014 is a very important year.

Mr Hignett added the memorial would be made of slate.

Anyone wanting to make a donation or find out more about the museum can visit the website www.oswestrytownmuseum.co.uk

School's high tech approach



Oswestry School deputy head Tim Jefferis takes a look at one of the new iPads with, from left, Victoria Head, Christian Blount Powell and Joshua Blount Powell.

STAFF and pupils at Oswestry School are being kitted out in the classroom with the latest technology after extensive work was carried out on site over the summer holidays.

Tim Jefferis, one of the school's deputy heads and an IT expert, said the school invested heavily in a project to bring wi-fi to the campus.

"The aim was that by the start of the autumn term the campus would be fully wi-fi enabled so both pupils and teachers could make better use of the internet," said Mr Jefferis, who is Deputy Head (Academic) at Oswestry.

"Extensive training – for of pupils and staff – is planned over the year in order to make the most of the cloud computing services which we are using."

Mr Jefferis also said that the school aimed to have students using their own devices in lessons by next September.

"We are planning to have staff trained this year in preparation for what will be an exciting and innovative step in the way we teach," he explained.

Book will raise cash for dogs in need

THE real-life adventures of a Shropshire rottweiler pup who takes her name from a Greek goddess have been turned into a children's book being sold to raise money for Rottweilers in Need, a rescue and rehabilitation group run by volunteers.

"Tales of Eos" has been written by an Oswestry woman who uses the writing name Celica, and has full colour illustrations.

It comprises four chapters, the first telling how Eos the pup – she is now three years old – came to her new home in Shropshire.

"They're all true stories," said Celica, who prefers not to use her real name.

She had told the stories to friends, and they had suggested she should write them down and make them into a book, which she did, running off six copies on her copier. But later it was suggested that the tales could be turned into a fundraiser for Rottweilers in Need, and Celica set about finding an illustrator and a printer.

"I have funded it entirely myself and published it myself. It is the first time I have ever done anything like this in my life," she said.

"Tales of Eos" is not available in shops but can be bought through the Rottweilers in Need website at www.rottwelersinneed.co.uk or by contacting Celica on (01691) 654305.

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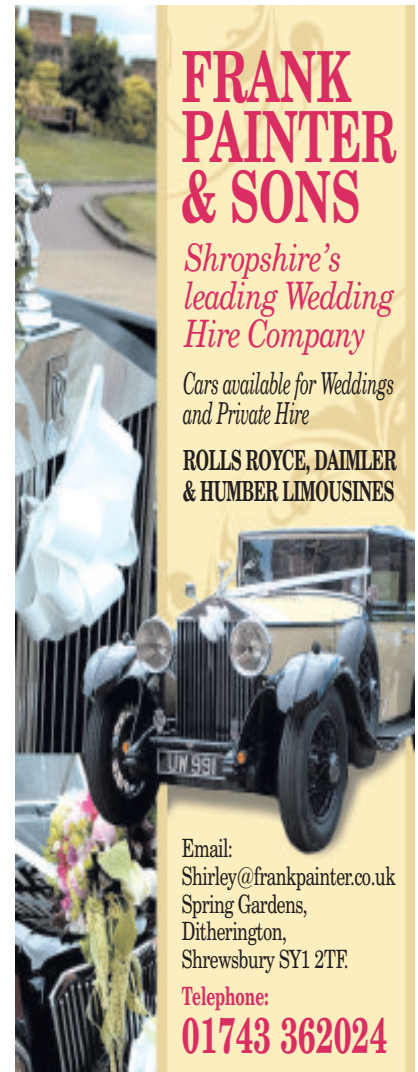
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NEWS

Free Italy trip offer made to farmers

A FREE study tour to Italy is being offered to farmers by a Shropshire college.

The enterprise and development department at Walford and North Shropshire College will be leading two separate study tours to Tuscany next year.

The fact-finding all-expenses paid tours are for groups of farmers or people closely associated with farming businesses.

Those taking part only need to bring their own spending money.

The first tour will be in June and the second in September.

The groups will visit a wide range of farm businesses, most of which specialise in diversification enterprises and high quality organic products.

Participants will learn how Italian farm businesses operate and the techniques they use to add value to their products.

Those interested in taking part can call the college on (01939) 262154 or email l.donald@wpsc.ac.uk

Table top sale

A TABLE top sale will be held at Montgomery School Hall on October 20 from 9am to 11.30am. There will also be a cake stall and cafe and tables are £5. To book, call (01686) 668387.

Youngsters line up to meet Gruffalo author at bookstore

by Chrissy Symmons

MORE than 150 fans of Gruffalo author Julia Donaldson gathered at a bookstore in Oswestry when she arrived for a book signing session.

The renowned author was signing copies of her books including *Superworm* and the new *Room on the Broom* soundbook at Booka Bookshop, in Church Street, last Wednesday. The writer found fame and was invited to be children's laureate after huge literary success following the release of children's story books including *The Gruffalo*, *What the Ladybird Heard* and *Zog*.

She was due to start signing at 4pm but started half an hour earlier after the queue of fans was so big it wound out the door and onto the street.

The author said yesterday: "It is always nice to see families. There are so many children it is lovely. Booka seems such a nice shop, it is lovely."

"It is lovely to be able to support the independent shops."

She is currently touring the country, from John O'Groats to Lands End signing books.

Tim Morris, co-owner of Booka, said: "We have had quite a lot of pre-orders for the book and lots of people turned up on the day. It is nice to have a children's Laureate in Oswestry. It is fantastic to have her here."

Brian Rothera, from Oswestry, brought his three children to get books signed. He said: "Well done to Booka Bookshop, it is a coup for Oswestry."

Ruth Iskauskas from Oswestry brought three-year old William, dressed as the Gruffalo, to get a signature. She said he was a fan and had a Gruffalo-themed party.

Nicola Owen brought her children, three years old Owen Smith and seven month old Oliver Smith. "They are very much fans of the Gruffalo," she said.

Natalie Hughes brought Patrick and William from Much Wenlock to see the author.

The visit was part of the writer's campaign to celebrate and protect libraries.



Kay and Isla Rothera waiting to see author Julia Donaldson.



The Pike family, Sophie, Michelle and Jessica, get to meet author Julia Donaldson at Booka in Oswestry. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.



Visitors queue up to see the author.

NEWS

in brief

Writer and poet visits town school

A WRITER and poet who has worked in over 2,500 schools nationwide has paid a visit to Ellesmere in the hope of inspiring pupils.

Terry Caffrey recently visited Ellesmere College to present a creative poetry workshop for pupils in Years 7 and 8.

He led interactive sessions about building self-esteem, confidence, engaging with poetry and putting words down on a page before finishing the day with a book signing.

Gemma Heald, teacher of English and drama, said: "He has an innate ability to make words and language dynamic and can motivate even the most reluctant readers, no matter what their age."

"Terry's school visits are heaps of fun for people of all ages, and I know that our students will have benefited hugely from his visit."

Harvest supper supports appeal

A VILLAGE hall near Oswestry will be hosting a harvest supper on Saturday.

The event will be held in Trefonen Village Hall from 5.30pm.

It will cost £5 per head and money raised will go towards Christian Aid charity.

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Riverside land will go under hammer

LAND and farm buildings will be up for auction in Welshpool on October 15.

A 130-acre block of land and buildings at Pool Quay will be sold at the Royal Oak Hotel.

The property, which is being sold by owners Messrs E.C.P. Jones and Son, will be sold as a whole or in two lots by auctioneers Halls at the Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool at 3pm.

Lot one includes land off the A483 road in Pool Quay via a lane opposite Manor House.

Lot two is made up of land accessed along the Burnt Lane, Trewern, which has been ploughed in the last 20 years.

Fishing rights in the River Severn, where it crosses the land, are owned by the Prince Albert Angling Club together with a small parking area near Maginness Bridge.

Viewing is by appointment with Halls, Welsh Bridge, Shrewsbury on Tel: 01743 284777.

Councillor's role

LLANFYLLIN town councillor John Brautigam has been appointed to serve on Powys County Council's audit committee. He said councils in Wales had to have lay members on the audit committees.

Golfer Betty is still around the course at the age of 90

BETTY Collins recently celebrated her 90th birthday at Oswestry Golf Club – where she enjoys playing rounds of golf every week.

She celebrated the occasion with friends and family, including her two great-grandchildren with back's fizz, sandwiches and cake and was told she was the oldest playing member at the club. Betty has a great sense of humour and she lit up the room when she arrived at the *Oswestry and Border Chronicle* office to talk about her golfing hobby.

With a sparkle in her eye and a warm smile on her face she sat on an office chair with a cup of coffee to recount interesting tales about her life so far.

"I have always been sporty," she said when she explained why she still enjoys playing golf at the town club which she joined more than 30 years ago.

"I play about five days a week. It's good exercise and there is good food. The girls there are really marvellous too."

Over the last three decades she has won a number of trophies and medals including the Aston Club Competition. She was also presented with a certificate in 1990 to celebrate achieving a hole in one.

Ballroom

But golfing is not the only thing she enjoys, she also likes to take part in numerous bridge games taking place in Oswestry.

Betty was born in Monmouthshire in September, 1922. During the war she worked in the county in a factory as a Naval Ordnance Inspector before she married Gerald.

During this time she enjoyed dancing and was chosen to take part in a formation ballroom dance group in London. She met her husband when she was 18 years old and they married in 1941. The pair then moved to Scotland for a few years before relocating in Hertfordshire where they went into business and set up a television and radio shop in 1948.

She was a director at the business and her

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Chrissy Symmons



husband was the electronics expert who, Betty said, had lots of letters after his name. "He was the brains and I was the beauty," she said with a smile.

It was when she was in Hertfordshire that her interest in golf first began after she joined her husband as a guest for a game at Brookmans Park Golf Club.

In the 1970s Betty and Gerald decided to enjoy life and go travelling so headed off to Italy. For two years the couple travelled around the south of the country and to Rome and other places. Here Betty picked up some of the language, 'enough to get by'.

After two years they arrived back in Hertfordshire and in 1981 they moved to Oswestry, where she joined the golf club together. Sadly, Gerald died about 15 years ago.

"When I first went there I was made very welcome," she said. "I have been a member for more than 30 years. I love being in Shropshire."

And no doubt Betty is probably back on the golf course now.



Betty Collins, 90, is the oldest playing member of Oswestry Golf Club.

Members invite the MP and AM for lunch

MEMBERS of a lunch club on the Shropshire border had a visit from their local politicians.

Susan Elan Jones MP and Ken Skates AM visited Chirk Luncheon Club and spoke to members about their work representing local residents.

"There are two luncheon clubs based at the Methodist Church in Chirk," said Ms Jones.

"We visited one of them in June and were delighted to visit this one."

"I know that the organisers of Chirk's two luncheon clubs are very keen for any senior citizen living in Chirk to join with them."

"I would really encourage people to do this as the groups are so friendly."

"There's tremendous community spirit in Chirk," said Mr Skates, "and it was lovely to attend the luncheon club and enjoy the excellent food and company today."

Chirk residents Anne Davies and Brenda Wilford organise the luncheon clubs.

Both clubs meet monthly on Wednesdays in the hall of the Methodist Church.

Any senior citizen who lives in Chirk who would like to attend should contact Anne Davies on (01691) 773200.



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Funding cut leads to worry at school

COUNCIL bosses are being urged to keep a promise to build a 'badly needed' extension to Llanfyllin Primary School's playground.

The call has come from town councillors after they heard funding for the improvements may not after all be available for the project.

Llanfyllin's county councillor Peter Lewis said he had been reassured during the summer that funding was available but had since been told there could be a shortage because of Powys County Council's shake up of education in the county.

Councillor Lewis said: "I was confident we would get the extension of the playground and that the money was okay."

"But now they say the budget has been cut due to school modernisation."

"It is disappointing. The school has even said it will put up with leaky roofs as long as the money is allocated to the playground."

Mr Lewis said the extension was vital as some of the children who had attended schools which have been closed were now being educated at Llanfyllin.

Mr Lewis told fellow councillors he had raised his concerns with Powys County Council schools chief Councillor Myfanwy Alexander and she had promised to look into the issue.

Dramatic drop in entries for annual building competition

THE civic society in Oswestry has seen a dramatic drop in entries for its annual building awards this year.

Oswestry and District Civic Society will be holding its awards evening on Monday to present awards for the best building projects, both new build and restoration, of the past 12 months.

But this year the society has noticed a decrease of entrants of completed builds. Last year they had more than 100 entries but this year there have only been 22.

Saffron Rainey, chair of the society, believes this is a reflection of the current economic climate. He said this will not stop the society from handing out awards to deserving buildings in the area.

"The number of completed buildings in Oswestry area was way down this year," he said. "Normally we have more than 100 - this year we have 22."

"In the past there would have been a combination of more housing developments and individual house builds on single plots. We also got conversions from barns and buildings of conversions. There are fewer this year and so we will give fewer awards."

"It is a reflection of where this economy is. It is not a worry to the Civic Society as it will carry on and there will still be new buildings to consider."

"There are good projects that deserve an award and we are still giving out a good number of awards."

The ceremony takes place at The Walls Restaurant from 7pm with guest of honour Ken Dalton of Kitwe Developments.

Mr Rainey said Mr Dalton was invited as he had consistently shown care in his building and conversion works to be sensitive to their environment. Mayor Councillor Martin Bennett and his consort will also be there.

The Millicent Kaye, Mary Hignett and Town Mayor's awards will be presented to special contributions to the environment or community in the Oswestry area. A surprise Special Commendation Award will also be presented.

He said he hopes there will be an official open day with a number of events and music.

Lucky few get to test centre

A NEW youth centre in Oswestry is due to be officially opened in December but is already being used by some youngsters.

The Centre, in Oak Street, was designed and built with the help of young people in the area.

Earlier this month the keys were handed over from Don Ward the director of Interclass, which built the new facility, to Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt earlier this month.

Councillor Hunt, who has been heavily involved in the project, said services were now being moved across.

He said: "The official opening is to be in the first or second week of December."

"We are starting to move services into the building and there are a few bits and bobs in there already. "It is being used on a small scale as everything needs testing."

He said he hopes there will be an official open day with a number of events and music.

New goal for gamesmaker



Kay Evans prepares a basket at the Paralympics.

OSWESTRY student and Paralympic 'gamesmaker' Kay Evans has set off on her next big adventure after enjoying a whirlwind of a summer.

The 18-year-old found out in the middle of August she had passed her A-Levels at Walford and North Shropshire College, and a week later Kay was off to London, working around the clock as a gamesmaker at the Paralympic Games as part of the Events Services Team.

Now she is off to university in Birmingham to study the 'course of her dreams'.

The student, who had rarely been away from home before, said: "I wasn't really concerned about being a gamesmaker and being thrust into a whole new group of people."

"I was more scared of getting completely lost or stranded in London."

The teenager was no sooner back from the Paralympics than she was off to Birmingham University to embark on a sports and exercise science degree after gaining two As and a C at the college.

Bugs and spiders at care home - for visit

A CARE home has had some unusual visitors through its doors to help brighten its residents' day.

Spiders, insects and rabbits were welcomed to Coverage Care's Fairholme home in Oswestry for an animal therapy session.

During the hour-long visit by Zoo Lab UK, people were encouraged to stroke the more friendly animals and were taught where they came from, what they liked to eat and handle some of the more exotic species.

Fairholme manager, Denise Morris, said: "It was such a fun and informative afternoon."

"Some residents were more forthcoming than others when it came to getting to have a hold of one of the big spiders."

"But everyone was getting involved by the end, asking questions and taking a closer look at some of the more exotic insects and animals which Zoo Lab UK had brought with them."

Coverage Care chief executive, David Coull, said: "Animal therapy is known to help towards improvements in psychological health and social well-being. It is a great way for them to interact with each other, staff and of course, the animals."

"It was a very successful day and we hope to arrange more visits for our other homes."

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Windfall from big bank for hospice

A SURPRISE £25,000 windfall and a donation of eight tablet computers means youngsters at a hospice near Oswestry can keep in closer contact with their families.

Fundraisers at Hope House Children's Hospice, in Morda, are celebrating after receiving the cash from banking giants Santander, which also donated hi-tech computers.

It will be spent on providing Wi-Fi throughout the hospice so youngsters will not have to be restricted to the computer room when using the internet.

The tablet computers will also contain a programme which enables video calls. This means if the child's parents are not at the hospice at night then they can still speak to them before they go to sleep.

The money came after Santander filmed an advert in Shrewsbury last month.

To thank the county for its co-operation, Santander bosses gave Hope House Children's Hospice £25,000. The tablet computers were the ones used by Santander for the advert.

Simi Epstein, from the hospice, said: "The children are excited about having the iPads."

"They can play all their games and can stay on the sofa instead of having to sit in the computer room."

Some important facts in badger cull controversy

ON THE WILD SIDE
with
Ben Waddams



BADGERS, cattle and bovine tuberculosis (bTB). It's an issue that has done the rounds in the press not just recently, but for the best part of the last 50 years.

It's a topic that brings heated debate between farmers and conservationists, and it seems to me that if one is to look into the issue, one must know the facts. And when it comes to the biology of a disease and the natural history of British wildlife, the facts need to be in the form of scientific evidence.

I have, to the best of my ability, researched the topic from both sides. I'd like my first point to be that bTB is a hideous and horrific disease. I realise that it wrecks the lives of cattle and farmers and any other organism inflicted with it. It is clear that bTB is the enemy here and let's not forget it.

So, do badgers transmit bTB? Yes. Are badgers solely responsible for this vile disease? No. Badgers are one of many British mammal species capable of carrying bTB and the vast majority of badgers are free from the disease. In that case, can infected badgers be culled only? No, because it is very difficult to tell from purely observational evidence, if a badger has the disease or not.

In that case, how about using culling as an effective way of exterminating the disease in a sett? No, because firstly badgers do not easily transmit bTB between each other, so just because one member of the sett (who will often remain largely underground) has the illness, does not mean others do. And secondly, a cull can only be carried out by shooting badgers individually, outside the sett. This is clearly an indiscriminate method.

So far, no good. OK, are there any similar studies we can look at as to the effectiveness of culling badgers? Yes and they all show a strong correlation in their results. On the Isle of Man there aren't any badgers. However the cattle there do



A Scent of the Wind by Ben Waddams.

get bTB. In Northern Ireland they haven't culled badgers and yet it has seen a fall in the infection of bTB in cattle. In the Republic of Ireland, where culling has taken place, there has been an increase in bTB.

What does this suggest? Well, one of the reasons cases of bTB have fallen in Northern Ireland, is because there has been a tightening in controls on the movement of cattle and tougher testing put in place. Badgers certainly do not come into the equation. According to some authorities, these same controls and regulations here in England, have become lenient in recent years. Could stricter tests be one of the answers? It would certainly help.

Indeed it seems 'answers' plural, is the way forward. I mean, hypothetically-speaking, would eradicating every

badger in the British Isles result in no bTB? No, we'd still have it. Therefore why drive a wedge between farmers and conservationists? This does not need to be a moral argument. I've used no moral reasoning here, it's plain and simple. Both sides can win. How? A vaccine for badgers and a vaccine for cattle. I am happy to announce that the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, with the co-operation of local landowners, have started vaccinating our badgers.

It's a subject I will return to in the near future but for now, I for one, am privileged to call this exemplary county of dairy fields and badger setts, my home.

Ben's wildlife art can be seen at The Gallery Tearooms in Princess Street, Shrewsbury.

Olympics inspires running group

PEOPLE inspired by the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics are being urged to join in an informal running group in Oswestry.

The summer of sport on the television has led to an increase of people taking up sports, including cycling and running.

Now a 10 week structured running group for beginners or those who want to improve is under way in the town on Monday evenings.

Supported by Oswestry Olympians club, the group will meet at the town's Leisure Centre at 6.30pm.

Led by experienced runner Ian Watkins, who carried the Olympic torch through the town, its aim is to build confidence and fitness.

Mr Watkins said: "Every-one, of any age, is very welcome. No one will get left behind and we can give advice on how to improve and enjoy running. All we ask is people do not wear headphones."

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Coup for venue as author to pay visit

A RESTAURANT in Oswestry will be the only venue in the UK that best-selling author Kate Moreton will visit as she tours the globe, event organisers say.

Carrie Morris from Booka Bookshop, in Church Street, said the Australian writer would be coming to The Walls Restaurant on October 13 and that this would be the only event she would attend in the country.

Afternoon Tea With Kate will take place from 2pm and will see the author talking about her new book *The Secret Keeper*.

Mrs Morris said: "We are very excited that the author is coming to Oswestry to do an event with us at The Walls restaurant."

"She is an international author who lives in Australia and she is making a brief stopover in the UK before her US tour. We have been offered the one UK event that she will do."

Kate Moreton is the international bestselling author of *The Distant Hours*, *The House at Riverton* and *The Forgotten Garden* and her new book will be published on October 11.

Tickets will cost £20 and this will include a signed hardback copy of *The Secret Keeper* and afternoon tea.

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How cup was won in court

by Toby Neal

WHOEVER devised the Oswestry Hospital Charity Football Cup could not have imagined that one of the most tense and important encounters was destined to be played out in a court of law.

This week we are turning back the clock to a century ago and a dispute which blew up between Mr Francis Boughey, of The Derwen, Gobowen, who was the president of the Oswestry Hospital Charity Cup competition, and one Mr William Wells, the licensee of the Greyhound Inn, St Martins. It seems that Mr Wells had, in effect, taken the trophy hostage because of an unpaid bill. Mr Boughey wanted it back and sued him for its return, or alternatively for its value, which was put at £5.



Part of the original report.

The battle came to a head at Oswestry County Court on September 19, 1912.

Having won the trophy, St Martins Football Club had celebrated with a dinner at the Greyhound, attended by 45 people. But the bill due to Mr Wells, the sum of £5 and two shillings, went unpaid by club officials. It turned out that although the diners had all paid up, the person who was supposed to hand the money to Mr Wells, one Peter Evison, had instead bolted with it.

So Mr Wells grabbed two cups which the club had won and were on view at the dinner. One was the Oswestry Hospital Charity Cup, which was held by St Martins FC under an agreement signed by three guarantors for its safe custody.

The judge decided that this trio - Evison, George Leston Phillips, and Thomas Edwards, all of St Martins - should join Mr Wells as defendants.

The case turned on whether Mr Wells had the right to hold on to the cup in default of payment when the cup did not in fact belong to the winning St Martins club.

The judge ruled that the innkeeper did have "right of lien" - in other words, was within his rights to confiscate the trophy - and gave judgment for Mr Wells with costs. However, he also made an order that the cup should be returned once the bill was paid.

Flat developers hit the wall



WORKMEN digging the foundations for a block of flats at the Castlefields development area in Oswestry in October 1970 unearthed what was believed to be the original town wall. The 40ft length of masonry was the largest section to be discovered for some time. The Beatrice Gate, one of the town's four fortified gates, was built on to this section of the wall. Measuring the depth of the exposed wall is Mr Ron Jones, the site foreman.

Housing benefits reminder to county

HOUSING benefits are not being taken up in Powys it was claimed this week.

According to government estimates over a billion pounds of housing benefit and council tax benefit goes unclaimed across the country and Powys is no exception.

Many people living in households with a low income, who should qualify for the help available towards paying their rent and their council tax bills, miss out.

Powys Citizens Advice Bureau has received Welsh Government funding to try to ensure that all those households who have an entitlement to these benefits, but are not currently claiming, get the help that they need.

Anyone who lives in a household where the overall income is low and with only modest savings may qualify for some financial help, depending on their particular circumstances.

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THE ARTS

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Antiques expert visiting for valuation day event

by Graham Breeze

TELEVISION antiques expert Jeremy Lamond will be casting his eyes over works of art and other antiques at a charity valuation event in Oswestry later this month.

Mr Lamond, an expert on the popular TV series *Bargain Hunt*, is also a fine art director at Halls, based in Shrewsbury.

He will be joined by two of his colleagues, Andrew Beeston and William Lacey, at a valuation event organised by the Rotary Club of Oswestry on October 13.

The antiques and collectibles valuation day will take place in The Willow Gallery in Willow Street from 10.30am-3.30pm in aid of Rotary charities and other good causes.

The club's president, Rotarian John Ward, said: "Our partner, Halls, has lined up for us an exceptionally well-qualified team of valuers and I would like to invite anybody in the area who has ever wondered what some treasured object, or perhaps something long-forgotten in an attic, might be worth to come along and find out."

"There will be a charge of £2 for a single item or of £5 for three. The team can provide valuations in all categories including ceramics, paintings and other works of art, furniture, toys, textiles, silver, books, equestrian items and sporting goods. I hope lots of people will dig out items of interest and bring them along on October 13."

Mr Lamond said Halls was delighted to be supporting the fundraising:

"This valuation event provides an ideal opportunity for people to have their family heirlooms and treasured items valued," he said.

"If they have items that are too big to bring along, they can simply show us photographs or we will be happy to arrange home visits after the event at no additional charge."



Jeremy Lamond will be casting his eye over items at a charity event.

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GIG GUIDE

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Stacy's Queen act aims to rock you

GIG GUIDE

with Chrissy Symmons



THE evenings may be drawing in but the nights of music are still going strong in venues around Oswestry and Welshpool.

She Will Rock You kicks off the week with a gig tonight at The Ironworks in Oswestry.

It is the UK's only female-fronted tribute to Queen with Stacy as 'Freddie Mercury'.

Now with members of Fred Zeppelin she will be performing all the classic hits of Queen.

She Will Rock You is the only UK female-fronted tribute to Queen. It will start at 8.30pm and tickets cost £8.

On Friday night, near Welshpool Tony Skeggs will be playing at the Lowfield Inn, in Marton.

He has been performing his music in Powys for the past 11 years and has also had gigs overseas in Europe.

He will be playing solo at the Lowfield Inn from 8pm. It will be a free gig. For more information visit www.lowfieldinn.com

And don't forget it's live music night at the Royal Oak on Friday with local star Dai Robs and late-starter Steve Edwards providing support to Tomos Lewis from Cardiff.

Friday night at The Ironworks, in Church Street, will be band Luminova



Stacy will perform as Freddie Mercury at The Ironworks.

from 8pm. For £1.50 people will be treated to a night of hard rock which also includes other bands Silverside, Rebel Aces and String the Marionette.

Luminova will be in Oswestry for the first time with their Pain for Pleasure tour.

Saturday night will see an Oswestry pub host The Vinyettes from 9pm.

The court yard of The Fox Inn, in Church Street, will be the venue for The Vinyettes which has selected a range autumn delights on vinyl, from rap to reggae, for your listening and dancing pleasure.

At the weekend in Whittington there will be a mini bluegrass festival at the

Penrhos Arms. It will kick off at noon on the Friday with a jamming session.

There will be music all day on Saturday and bands will also be performing from 8pm until 10pm.

Bands over the weekend will include Amegos, Le Sac En Plastique, Doris Day, Brian & Crew and Slippery Hill Boys.

During the event there will be real ales, breakfasts and raffles.

The main raffle will have prizes donated by Midwales Music, Everyday Maintenance & Covent Fruit Market.

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MARKETS

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Welshpool livestock market**October 1.
OTMS (57)**

An entry of 57 over thirty month old cattle sold to average 119ppkg for the 50 older cows, 166ppkg for the bulls, 138ppkg and 161ppkg for the heifers and steers under 72 months old. R H Powell Middle Cochran sold a Charolais cow weighing 1003kg to a top market price of £1484.44. D M Jones Gesaifla sold a Limousin cow weighing 741kg to £1148.55. R H Powell Middle Cochran receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (18)

A better entry of 18 fat cattle sold to average 191ppkg for the steers and 210.5ppkg for the heifers. A top market price of 227ppkg was achieved on two occasions today from Evans Brothers Tynwydd for a Limousin heifer weighing 463kg and IG & R Lloyd Maes y Glyn who sold a Limousin heifer weighing 540kg both where bought by M J Birtwistle & Co Preston. IG & R Lloyd also sold other heifers to 221ppkg, 217ppkg & 216ppkg. M A Jones Pentre Hall sold heifers to 218ppkg. Evans Brothers Tynwydd & IG & R Lloyd Maes Y Glyn receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If

you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (4364)

An entry of 4364 Prime lambs, selling to an overall average of 153ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (309) to 163ppkg from J G Ellis & Son Tynwydd & E C P Jones Manor Farm. Others to 154ppkg from W C Jones Tynmawr. Average of 142ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (677) to 169ppkg from T M Davies Wynnstay Farm. Others to 168ppkg from H Hughes & Son Hendy. Average of 150.8ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2076) to 170ppkg from A P Humphreys Llwynmadoc. Others to 169ppkg from A H Morgan Penybryn. Average of 154ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (1012) to 160ppkg from JD & MR Buckley Rhiwgoch & D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Others to 158ppkg from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Average of 151ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (213) to 176ppkg from T & B Williams Cilmaur. Others to 149ppkg from A E Casewell Bodynfoel. Average of 140ppkg.

CULL EWE (3157)

An entry of 3157 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £44.61 for the ewes and £51.15 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £98 per head from DC & PE Hughes Cae Sidanan. Top price for the cull rams was £152 per head from T C Evans 10 Heritage Green. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & IN**LAMB EWES**

An increased entry of 3034 store ewes reaching an average of £90.34. Yearling ewes achieved a top price of £146 for welsh mule yearling ewes from JM & A Jones Wig. Two year old ewes achieving a top price of £150 for Texel Ewes from Mrs J Stonall Nursery Cottage. Three year old ewes achieving a top price of £112 for Suffolk ewes from I C Goodwin Lower Esgair. Full mouth ewes from J Allsop & Son Enchmarsh Farm. As found ewes achieved a top price of £102 from D A Williams Tanyclawdd for Suffolk Ewes. Ewe lambs achieved a top price of £90 for Welsh Mules from K J Llewelyn Little Brithdir.

Store Lambs

A good entry of 1300 store lambs reaching an average of £41.05. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £58 from D Davies & CO Pentremawr. Mixed and Clean lambs achieving a top price of £59.50 from Cefncoed Farms. Wether lambs gained a top price of £57.40 from JT & GH Jones Talerddig Farm. Tup lambs achieving a top price of £60 from N Turnbull Cysgod Cefnllwyni. Mixed and Clean achieving top price of £56 from R L Williams Tynllan. Theave & Tup lambs gaining top price of £55 from T M Davies Wynnstay Farm. More Ewes expected next week, store lambs sale to commence at 10.30am prompt, ewes to follow at 11am.

MULTI BREED RAM

An entry of 220 Multi Breed Rams were forward for the catalogue sale of tups at Welshpool on the 1st October. Trade was up and down with the best tups selling well with a struggle on the 2nd quality. Texel rams sold to a top of 700gns for an excellent yearling from T & B Williams Cilmaur Llangedwyn. E L Evans &

Co The Green Pantydwr sold a Texel yearling from 580 to 700gns to average of 630gns. W E G Evans Llwynycrwrth sold six New Zealand Suffolk yearling Rams to a top of 600gns. At 400gns for a Suffolk were E P Hughes & Co The Porth. E H Hughes The Cwm and L E Lloyd & Sons Sarnesfield. Beltex and Beltex x Rams sold to 460gns and 470gns for E H Hughes Cwm Llanyre. Bluefaced Leicester Rams sold to a top of 480gns for a yearling from R E E Jones Waen Hall. Four other yearlings from the same home sold from 400 to 450gns. Ram lamb sold generally from 120gns to 200gns for the lambs sold. There will be another catalogued sale of 120 MV Accredited Rams on the 8th October commencing at 1.30pm followed by non MV rams.

Welshpool Livestock Sales

The Annual sale of breeding Ram took place Welshpool Livestock Sales on Thursday 27th September 2012, with a catalogue entry of 1419 rams on offer.

Top price of the day was for a Texel yearling ram, presented by T & MJ Orrells & Son Middle Llegodig, and was knocked down at 1450 guineas (£1522.50).

Texel Rams

Welshpool Livestock Sales report on a very successful 23rd sale of Pedigree Texel Rams and Ram Lamb on behalf of the Shropshire and Borders Texel Club.

An entry of 569 senior, yearling and Ram lamb was met with an excellent trade. The Show was judged by Mr Peter Longdin Wellingley Flock Doncaster. The Show was very kindly sponsored by Maelor Feeds. All rams sold to a sale average of 490.21 for the yearlings, and £302.55 for the ram lambs. The Show results were as follows:

Yearlings

1st Lot 269 presented by T & MJ Orrells & Son Middle Llegodig selling to £1522.50. 2nd Lot 31 presented by A E Williams & Son Folly Farm selling to £840.

3rd Lot 34 presented by A E Williams & Son Folly Farm selling to £567.

Ram Lambs

1st Lot 514 presented by J Ruggier Gwaelod Y Rhos selling to £861.

2nd Lot 481 presented by Steve Smith Penybryn.

3rd Lot 479 presented by Steve Smith Penybryn selling to £400.

Supplementary Sale of Texel Rams will take place at Welshpool Livestock Sales on Monday, October 15.

Oswestry cattle auctions**September 26****FAT CATTLE: (63)**

Numbers a bit thin on the ground today and a mixy show on offer with only a few best cattle forward. Top slots hit 226p for Steers, 216p for Bulls and 206p for Heifers. Highest price in the lump was £1414 for a Steer. Bottom book of 150p for a Steer and a Bull. Overall market average of 186.5p was achieved.

Young Bulls (31) Overall Average 185.5p.

Medium Bulls (17) Average 180.5p (£910/head) Selling to 214p from R B Jones Wernddu.

Heavy Bulls (14) Average 190p (£1195/head) Selling to 216p from A H M Lea & Sons Lee Bridges.

Steers (11) Overall Average 192p.

Medium Steers (2) Average 211.5p (£1136/head) Selling to 216p from G Thomas Llwynhir.

Heavy Steers (9) Average 188.5p (£1165/head) Selling to 226p from J Gittos Wrex-

ham

Heifers (21) Overall Average 185p.

Medium Heifers (7) Average 189.5p (£870/head) Selling to 206p from J Gittos Wrexham.

Heavy Heifers (14) Average 183p (£1025/head) Selling to 196p from I M & G Jones Tynycelyn.

A very good trade for the cattle on offer. Please keep them coming and thank you for your support.

FAT LAMBS: (2429)

Another consistent entry of 2429 lambs on Wednesday 26th September 2012. The overall average on the day was 150p/kg with the Heavy lambs being the most contested category. 231 light lambs sold to 153p/kg for 30kg lambs from D G Jones & Partners Cefnhr Fawr making £45.80 the average for this section being 145p/kg. 598 Standard lambs averaged 148p/kg peaking at 169p/kg for 35kg lambs making £59 from W G & S P Foulkes Selattyn Lodge. The 1037 medium lambs levelled at 151p/kg with the top being 160p/kg or £66 for 41.5kg lambs from H G Jones Brynmypais. The 489 Heavy lambs averaged 152p/kg or £72.56 per head. Top call of the day was £83.

Lights to 153p average 145p, Standards to 169p average 148p, Mediums to 160p average 151p, Heavy's to 158p average 152p, Others to 154p average 138.5p. Overall average 150p.

FAT EWES: (827)

Ewes to £85.00 average £36.00, Rams to £71.00, average £58.00.

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (90)

A much more variable selection with best calves in short supply. Very keen demand for the very best Continentals, lesser quality more

difficult to sell. Best Friesians also keenly sought, killing calves less money. Two best Charolais Bulls topping at £480 & £440 from Messrs Pryce Coedmaur. Limousin Bulls to £320 & £266 from Messrs Jones Ladyhill £290 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm. British Blue Bulls to £300 from Messrs Williams The Stocks £276 from Messrs Jones Bank Farm. British Blue Heifers to £300 from Messrs Royle Berrywood £285 from Messrs Owen Tanyceol. Simmental Heifers to £380 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall. Limousin Heifers to £285 from Messrs Evans Halton Farm. Charolais Heifers to £228 from Messrs Clay Brook Farm. Friesian Bulls to £170 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney £162 & £155 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm £146 £140 £132 & £94 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £128 from Messrs Lammie Kenwick Wood £108 from Messrs Price Bwlchyd-derwen £105 & £94 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David £102 from Messrs Evans Wern Farm.

STORE CATTLE: (190)

A full complement of buyers helped to create a fast trade for a quality entry. Top price of the day was

£1250 (198p/kg) paid for a British Blue x steer aged 27 months sold by R R & P F Evans, Carrog.

98 steers averaged £899 (199p/kg) with notable prices including:

Hughes & Griffiths, Corwen topped an excellent entry with 4 Limousin x steers aged 14-17 months selling

for £1105 (230p/kg), 4 steers aged 17-18 months for £1075 (219p/kg) and 5 steers aged 16-18 months

for £925 (211p/kg).

B & C G Huxley, Penycae sold Charolais steers aged 16 - 17 months for £1210 (228p/kg), £1100

(214p/kg) and £1080 (216p/kg).

F G Jones, Ffrith sold a Charolais x steer aged £1060 (226p/kg) and a bunch of 5 aged 11-14 months for

£900 (225p/kg).

84 heifers averaged £823 (198p/kg) with notable prices including:

M Morgan, Llanerfyl sold Charolais x heifers aged 17-19 months for £1100 (214p/kg) and £1095 (223p/kg).

Messrs Griffiths, Clocaenog presented an excellent entry of Charolais x heifers aged 14-19 months

selling for £960 (208p/kg), £940 (215p/kg), £925 (214p/kg) and £905 (213p/kg).

T Hughes, Pontfadog sold 3 Limousin x heifers aged 17-20 months for £950 (215p/kg).

Entries are now invited for our next catalogued sales to be held on the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October.

U72 & CULL COWS: (55)

An entry of 55 cattle was again very well sold even if the very plain Friesian cows were a little less money. Continental cows were very dear as were the two stock bulls, even though they were a little plain. Top price Cow 173p/kg, Top price Heifer 168p/kg. Top price overall £1201.05

Cows

Limousin to 173p average 154.65p/kg

Belgian Blue to 149p average 131.62p/kg

Hereford to 138p average 121.42p/kg

Friesian to 133p average 101.46p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 168p average 130.51p/kg

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MOTORING

Suzuki puts a sporty feel into hatchback

LEADING motoring magazines have been raving about Suzuki's Swift Sport since its arrival in the UK earlier this year.

One named it their best hot hatchback and then another gave it a 'best buy' accolade which is no surprise when you realise what you get for your money.

The Swift Sport is in showrooms from just £13,499 and with a very high standard equipment specification is now a genuine option in the hot-hatch sector.

Suzuki's motorbike image is a thing of the

DRIVE TIME
with Graham Breeze



distant past now and the company produces a competitive range from the Splash right through to Grand Vitara.

Swift Sport is at home on all kinds of roads thanks to solid holding, tight body control and accurate steering. It's well equipped and

fits perfectly with the need of the young sporty driver.

Improvements mean cost of ownership is lower than Swift's previous souped-up models with better emission levels and a less thirsty fuel tank – a 10 per cent reduction.

Insurance costs are also down too – dropping from group 23 to 19 thanks to a lighter body which helps promote safety.

Included as standard is ESP, seven airbags, including curtain and a driver's knee airbag and body pillars incorporating shock-absorbing materials that soften any contact with occupants' heads.

Competitors

HID Projector headlamps for both low and high beam are also fitted as standard – a safety feature that is either not available or is listed as a cost option amongst its direct competitors.

The package also includes air conditioning, cruise control, Bluetooth connectivity and USB port, rear privacy glass, 17-inch alloy wheels – as well as metallic paint finish.

"Swift Sport is at home on all kinds of roads thanks to solid holding, tight body control and accurate steering"



Swift Sport won Best Hot Hatchback in Carbuyer awards



The cabin is functional, with no fancy additions or superfluous equipment

The revised 1.6-litre 136hp engine offers improved torque together with 10 per cent lower combined fuel consumption of 44.1mpg and there's 0-62mph in an impressive 8.7 seconds.

Being lighter than opposition hatches helps the Swift Sport perform competitively despite only outputting 136bhp – low by hot-hatch standards – but there's no denying the impressive results.

The Sport is comfortable with plenty of leg room though I'd be pleased not to have to travel too far as a back-seat passenger. Boot space is not good either and the golf club test was a non-starter.

Handling is surprisingly good, particularly when asking for that bit extra in the mountains of North Wales with no body lean to report and stiff steering encouraging you to the limit.

The cabin is typically Suzuki and is functional rather than spectacular with clearly marked controls and stylish stitching on steering wheel and gear stick.

Swift Sport models are covered by a three-year/60,000-mile new vehicle warranty and by Suzuki Assistance, providing 24-hour UK and European roadside help as well as a 12-year perforation warranty.

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Nissan designs a GT-R dream racer

By John Griffiths

Once it was bedroom posters – now you can tell from its appearance in a plethora of computer games that Nissan's GT-R is a true motoring icon.

As one of the fastest road-legal cars in the world (with aggressively sporting good looks to go with it), it's a young boy's dream. And an old boy's, come to that.

Its 3.8-litre, twin turbocharged engine accelerates from a standstill to 60mph in a push-you-back-in-the-seat 2.8 seconds and on to a maximum of 196mph.



The 3.8-litre engine puts the GT-R into supercar territory

And its electronically-controlled four wheel drive system, sports suspension and aerodynamics give it a level of grip to make a limpet jealous.

That sort of performance puts it well into supercar territory, yet at £74,480 its price isn't. For another £10,000 you could add the track pack (uprated suspension and cooling) and have an 'off the peg' race car.

Apart from some styling and technological tweaks, the latest GT-R (the direct descendant of the legendary Skyline) has 550PS of power, up 20PS from its predecessor. And to prove its real-life credentials, it lapped the Nurburgring in seven minutes and 27.22 seconds – beating two flagship rivals, the Porsche Carrera GT and the Ferrari Enzo.

The latest GT-R's body is stronger and stiffer, for improved handling. An example of the engineers' attention to detail is the asymmetric suspension: it's just a little stiffer on the right hand side to take account of the driver's weight.

A perhaps surprising facet of the Nissan is that it isn't a stripped-out track machine: it's a full four-seater with a decent-sized boot. And it's a gadget guru's dream, with everything from Sat-Nav to a race car's performance monitoring system to record acceleration, steering and braking.

But the GT-R isn't everyone's ideal car. The suspension is decidedly firm, as you'll notice on the average British B-road, and there is a certain amount of mechanical noise.

This shouldn't be all that surprising for a car which is built to go fast and to handle safely and reliably at higher speeds.

Stiff suspension and sturdy mechanical bits and pieces are essential. But to the enthusiast they're also part of the experience: you want to hear the right soundtrack rather than 'Hits from the Shows'.

It's a constant reminder of what this car is, and why you chose it.

Yes, it serves as a family transport but you know that under the sleek exterior there's a lurking beast just waiting to be released.

The beast is a 3.8-litre V6 with twin turbochargers, with four-wheel drive to help get the power down.

As well as an extra 30PS or power, the 2012 car has more torque (465lbs/ft) yet it is more economical with an official 24mpg average.

The test car's automatic transmission keep the GT-R on a tight rein for normal road use, but use the throttle 'kickdown' and the overtaking surge is instant and effective.

With a flick of the wrist you can switch to manual, swapping cogs in milliseconds with the pedals either side of the wheel.

The steering is nicely weighted and, of course positive, but the power system gives you extra help at low speed to make light work of parking. The coupe styling doesn't give the best view for this manoeuvre, but Nissan's familiar rear view camera (with computerised lines predicting your path) removes any concerns.

The GT-R comes with all the features of an executive car such as climate control, electric windows and mirrors, cruise control and metallic paint. Leather seats too – the well-shaped sports variety for driver and front passenger, of course.

BUMPER TO BUMPER

MODEL: Nissan GT-R
ENGINE: 3.8 litre twin turbo petrol with 550PS of power and 465lbs ft of torque driving all four wheels.
PERFORMANCE: 0-60mph in 2.8secs; top speed 196mph.
ECONOMY: urban 16.6mpg; country 32mpg; average 24mpg.
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WARRANTY: three years/60,000 miles.
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Order books open for ADAM

Arthurs Vauxhall, a award-winning dealer with branches in Oswestry and Newtown, announces a number of inquiries for new model ADAM which has been described as one of the 'coolest small cars.'



Nigel Williams

Order books for Vauxhall's new ADAM opened last week and the car will arrive in this country early in 2013.

"ADAM not only breaks new ground in design, it also leads its class in terms of technology," said Arthurs Vauxhall managing director Nigel Williams.

"The new ADAM will offer features normally only found in higher-end

cars. A prime example is ADAM's top-of-the-range infotainment system 'My Media'.

"This integrates the

owner's smartphone with the car making internet-based applications available from the facia-mounted touch screen. The system will support both android and Apple iOS units."

Choice

Mr Williams said that from launch ADAM would be offered with a choice of three efficient ecoFLEX four-cylinder petrol engines available with optional Star/Stop technology and mated to a five-speed manual gearbox.

"In due course, ADAM will be the first car in the Vauxhall range to adopt the NG - new generation - small petrol engine featuring direct injection and forced induction plus an all-new six-speed gearbox."

He said the motoring media had already taken to the 'new baby' ADAM. Introducing the Jam, Glam and Slam trim levels to their readers, The Sun describe ADAM as 'definitely one of the coolest small cars seen in a long time.'

Which? says ADAM 'boasts a completely clean-sheet design' in its look; Auto Express says ADAM could follow in the tread-marks of a Mini-style line-up and form a sub brand in its own right; the 'upmarket' ADAM was described as 'small but perfectly formed' by the Daily Mail; and WhatCar? focused on ADAM's availability in 'almost unlimited visual combinations.'



The British-built hatchback was unveiled at the Paris motor show

More vans than ever at Arthurs

Arthurs of Newtown has increased its van holding with all makes now available.

Arthurs offers a full range of vans of all sizes at its Pool Road site in Newtown.

General sales manager Steve Hughes said: "We have a large selection of quality used vans to cater for all needs and if there is a make of van we don't have in stock we can source it."

"It is a market which we know and will continue to develop. We are looking forward to growing our van sales even more strongly in the coming months."



Arthurs of Newtown sales personnel with a line-up of vans. From back to front Steve Hughes (general sales manager), Andrew Richards, Chris Venables and Gabriel Miles-Farrier

New Toyota Auris to reach showrooms in December

Toyota has released prices and specifications for the new Auris, which will go on sale in the UK in December.

The British-built five-door hatchback, which made its world debut at the Paris motor show last week, will be launched in a four-grade line-up with on-the-road prices from £14,495.

Options

All of the powertrain options will be available from the start of sales: 1.33 Dual VVT-i and 1.6 Valvematic petrol and 1.4 D-4D diesel units, plus

Auris Hybrid with Hybrid Synergy Drive.

The petrol and diesel models all use a six-speed manual transmission, with Toyota's Multidrive S CVT offered as an option on the 1.6 Valvematic.

Auris Hybrid uses an E-CVT automatic.

The new Auris will introduce a new Toyota grade structure, which rises from an entry-level Active trim, through Icon and Sport to the top-of-the-range Excel.

The 1.33 Dual VVT-i engine will be available in Active and Icon grades; the

1.6 Valvematic in Icon, Sport and Excel; and the 1.4 D-4D in all trims. Auris Hybrid will be offered in Icon and Excel versions.

Standard

All new Auris models will be equipped as standard with seven airbags, a new follow-me-home lighting system, hill-start assist control, vehicle stability control and LED daytime running lights.

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PLACINGS

Shropshire Tennis League Ladies GROUP 1

Bridgnorth	51
Shrewsbury	36
Team Mosaic	36
Oswestry	35
Boughay Gardens	32
Woodfield	32
Shrewsbury II	23
High Ercall	16
Longden	6

GROUP 3

Count	62
Woodfield II	52
Crittins II	44
Crittins	36
Shrewsbury IV	27
Ludlow Castle	26
Count II	25
Woodfield III	11
Wrekin	5

GROUP 4N

Market Drayton	53
Crittins I	47
Oswestry TT	46
Team Mosaic III	45
Wem	31
Boughay Gardens II	29
High Ercall II	20
Llleshall Village II	13
Town Walls II	13

GROUP 5N

Norton-in-Hales	43
Baschurch II	41
Wolverton	38
Oswestry II	38
Hollies II	33
Hinstock	32
Woodfield VI	28
Hollies III	17
Woodfield V	14

GROUP 6N

Team Mosaic V	58
Shrewsbury V	40
Rowton Castle	40
Crittins IV	35
Crittins III	34
Wolverton II	29
Hinstock II	26
High Ercall III	21
Baschurch III	5

Men's GROUP 1

Shifnal	56
Crittins	43
Boughay Gardens	43
Longden	14
Ludlow Castle	4

GROUP 4N

Crittins II	50
Baschurch	50
High Ercall III	43
Oswestry	34
Wem II	29
Norton-in-Hales	28.5
Rowton Castle	28
Boughay Gardens III	15
Llleshall Village	10.5

GROUP 5N

Oswestry TT	61
Boughay Gardens IV	55
Team Mosaic IV	40
Shrewsbury III	34
Hanner	29
Baschurch II	22
Hinstock	19
Norton-in-Hales	18
Hollies III	10

GROUP 6N

Oswestry II	60
Bomere Heath	51
Shrewsbury V	33
Wem II	33
Boughay Gardens V	32
Woodfield VI	30
Longden IV	20
Hinstock II	16
Hollies IV	13

GROUP 7N

Baschurch III	54
Crittins III	50
Hinstock III	30
Telford CC II	28
Market Drayton	11

Oswestry tire of task Oswestry hold out for win

WITH a shortage of players, Oswestry II fell to their second defeat in the Raging Bull North West League division three (south) when going down 33-19 at home to Sandbach III.

It was tough going with the Eagles down on forwards, substitutes and top-level experience, but they were heartened when the referee decided to call uncontested scrums from the off.

However, Sandbach immediately put the hosts under pressure and were ahead after just a few minutes when some weak tackling allowed the visiting pack to power over the line.

Oswestry responded well and, after a prolonged period in the Sandbach half, good phase play from the forwards led to clean ball for the backs that produced a simple try for Craig Howell, Luca Owen Youens adding the extras.

The Eagles were just about getting it together when an unconverted touchdown

was scored by Sandbach, with missed tackles again the story of the day.

After half-time, changes were made and within minutes Oswestry were level when makeshift flanker Luke Parkes ripped the ball from the opposition and crawled his way over the line.

And two minutes later, the Eagles took the lead through terrific play as Jake Williams stormed through on a 40-metre run and, with one man left to pass, he off-loaded to Howell for his second try of the game.

This was as good as it got for the Eagles, though, as fitness faded.

More missed tackles led to Sandbach getting level and two more converted tries, each of them kick and chases, sealed the fate for the hosts.

Next up for the second string is a long trip away to the Peak District on Saturday when they take on Hope Valley looking to regain some winning form.

Oldershaw 14 Oswestry 20

A GAME of two halves saw Oswestry take command in the opening period before being forced to cling on after the break.

It took Oswestry a few minutes to drive the home side back into their own half and a loose clearance saw Oswestry gather.

That set up a move across the line which fed Rob Masson on the left wing and he rounded the defence to score under the posts, Dan Williams converting.

Oldershaw pressed forward but frequently squandered position with poor handling. Oswestry, in contrast, were passing and handling the ball swiftly on the counter-attack.

Sam Wright gathered another loose clearance and the backs spread the ball to the right wing, allowing Gareth Hughes to sprint 30 yards to score.

Oswestry were still counter-attacking but using the ball well with each runner well supported. One such move resulted in a

switched play to the left wing where Masson beat his man on halfway before bulldozing his way past several opponents to score an outstanding try.

Oldershaw's frustration was showing as they were caught handling in the ruck, Williams kicking the penalty to make it 20-0 at the interval.

The home side started the second half strongly but Oswestry's defence looked comfortable. More and more home pressure and a visiting lineup not working too well allowed Oldershaw to move the ball from right to left and score a converted try.

Oswestry's were being frequently penalised and the continued pressure resulted in a second home try and conversion in the same corner.

After 10 minutes deep inside their own 22, Oswestry finally broke upfield and managed to hold that area of the field until the final whistle to claim a deserved victory despite a few nervy moments towards the end.

Melville wins in Weston margins

WESTON POOLS RESULTS

Claypit, Sunday, 16 anglers: Kevin Melville took the lead, catching roach and carp in margins on long pole with corn and pellet. Andy Philbin came second catching bream and carp.

1 Kevin Melville (Matrix Total Angling) (21 margins pole corn carp 47-06; 2 Andy Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) (22 feeder corn/maggot carp bream 31-14; 3 Ian Ellis (Tri-cast Weston) (29 long pole pellet/maggot carp roach 31-00; 4 John Dixon (Tricast Weston) (29 long pole pellet/maggot carp roach 30-08

Weston Open, Tuesday, 18 anglers

In pouring rain Carl Pugh won with 69-06 on peg 30 Stretton catching carp to 6lb on corn and pellet. Mike Philbin was just 2lbs behind in second place.

1 Carl Pugh (Tri-cast Weston) (30 Stretton pellet/corn carp to 6lbs tench barbel 69-06; 2 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) (22 Belvidere up in water pellet F1s carp barbel 67-06; 3 Eric Taylor (Pilsforth) (25 Belvidere short pole maggot/pellet carp barbel 55-08; 4 Mark Evans (tri-cast Weston) (28 Belvidere margins corn/pellet barbel carp.

Over 55 Wednesday, 27 anglers

Les Picken won with 20lbs off peg 8 fishing corn in margins and pellet ahead of Rob Smith with 58-06 on peg 2 fishing short for F1s, carp and tench.

1 Les Picken (Connah's Quay) (28 Stretton margins corn long pole pellet/maggot carp tench 77-06; 2 Rob Smith (Rod & Reel) (22 Stretton short pole pellet/maggot carp tench 58-06; 3 Phil Conde (Tri-cast Weston) (28 Stretton 8mt pole pellet/corn barbel carp tench 53-04; 4 Arther Wood (Tri-cast Weston) (28 Belvidere margins corn pole maggot carp barbel 48-10.

Over 55, Friday, 21 anglers

Steve Norman took the lead with 69-10 off peg 48, catching carp to 5lbs, F1s and tench.

1 Steve Norman (Connah's Quay) (28 canal short pole margins corn pellet carp F barbel 69-10; 2 John Dixon (Tri-cast Weston) (42 canal 10mt pole maggot pellet carp F1s tench 65-02; 3 Mike Williams (Church Stretton) (46 canal margins 10mt pole corn & pellet carp barbel 65-02; 4 Mike Toole (Salford) (28 canal 51-08.

Weston Open, 17 anglers: 1 Stuart Davies (Tackle Locker) (22 Belvidere method feeder maggot carp barbel 91-14; 2 Mike Philbin (Tri-cast Weston) (42 canal pellet up in water carp tench barbel 82-13; 3 Alan Jones (Tri-cast Weston) (28 Belvidere margins corn/maggot carp barbel 78-07; 4 Ian Fellows (Tri-cast Weston) (28 Stretton short pole maggot/pellet carp barbel tench 58-14; 5 Barry Davies (Tri-cast Weston) (25 Belvidere 10mt pole carp barbel 51-13; 6 Andy Spencer (Tackle Locker) (22 Belvidere long pole & feeder maggot/pellet carp barbel

Weston Open, 24 anglers: 1 Barry Gabriel (24 Stretton 82-08; 2 Stuart Davies (26 16 Wir 77-01; 3 Lee Saville (24 Stretton 76-12; 4 Robbie Griffiths (24 Stretton 69-06; 5 Ian Leach (22 Stretton 64-10; 6 Geoff Grantham (26 Stretton 58-11.

Welshpool fall at first Cup hurdle despite late fightback



Second row Ed Gittis offloads to Chris Davies as COBRA look to make ground



COBRA's Llew Williams looks for a pass during their weekend victory

Nomads find their way back

THE Pheasant Nomads are seeing a real resurgence in form this year, as they top the Andrew's Fish Bar Welshpool Pool Premier League following a 9-1 storming of the Castle Boys' fortress.

The Nomads once dominated the Welshpool Pool League with no less than eight titles in a row, but recent times have seen slimmer pickings as new faces came and went.

Ever-present captain Steve Sherlock is delighted with his team's "dream start" and three wins from three games.

They are joined at the top by the Angel A who also have a perfect start, after a narrow 6-4 win over the Cock A.

Fish Bar division one also has two teams at the top with three wins from three, as the Angel B dominated 8-2 away at the Cock B, and even more impressive were the Westwood Warriors as they slaughtered the Horsehoe 9-1 away in Ardleuen.

Fish Bar division two is led by the Courthouse B, as their 8-2 win over the Welly Wasps keeps them ahead of the pack.

Step-up proves tough for Oswestry mixed doubles pairs

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's mixed second team went down to defeat in their first away fixture of the season at Wem.

Having gained promotion in each of the last three years the team has reached a group who are all seasoned campaigners and the Oswestry team knew that they were in for a tough night and so it proved to be.

In the first round rubbers the first pair of Gary Edwards and Speth Cumpston had to endure tie-

breaks in the first two sets, winning the first but losing the second. But they eventually got over the winning line with a 10-6 win in the deciding set tie-break.

Their second rubber against the Wem second pair followed a similar pattern where they triumphed in a much tenser deciding set tie-break 10-8.

The second pair of Carol Slater and Stephen Mosford couldn't come to grips with either of the opposing pair's strong play and

went down in straight sets in both of their rubbers.

At two rubbers each the Wem side ran out the winners by six points to two points by virtue of winning two more sets.

Four of Oswestry's male members travelled to Bomere Heath to play a post-league friendly and faced windy conditions as well as stiff competition against a team looking to avenge an eight-point defeat by Oswestry's men's second team earlier in the league season.

Ultimately, they were unable to match the success of their club-mates, losing 3-1.

In their first rubber, the Oswestry first pairing of Saffron Rainey and Stephen Mosford narrowly lost the first set 7-5 before taking the similarly close second set in a tie-break.

The Oswestry pair failed to capitalise on a match point before losing the deciding third set tie-break 11-9.

In the reverse rubber the

Bomere Heath second pair was forced to default due to injury at 4-1 down in the second set having taken the first 7-5.

The Oswestry second pairing of Elliot Bastos and David Grice was beaten 7-5, 6-4 in a hard fought contest against the Bomere Heath second pair.

In the reverse rubber the Oswestry pair struggled against the strong and consistent Bomere Heath first pair, going down 6-1, 6-1.

COBRA ready for strike on leaders

COBRA closed in on the leaders in the Welsh League division two (north) with a 37-10 home win over Llangollen - with all four of their tries coming in the second half.

Having a bye in the Swalec Bowl, the Meifod men made the most of their rearranged league action with a bonus point win to move second in the table.

Despite trailing 10-9 at half-time, Llew Williams kicking three penalties, they roared back in the second period with four converted tries from scrum-half Alwyn Williams, flanker Richard Rees, Llew Williams (who also supplied the kicks) and centre Fraser Roberts.

The hosts could have scored more points but a raft of substitutions late on halted the flow, but they would be happy enough at another bonus point as they head for a tricky trip to third-placed Llandudno on Saturday.

Playing against the wind in the first half, COBRA found themselves 10-9 down at half-time, with Llangollen kicking well with the elements in their favour.

A breakaway try in which Llangollen chipped ahead saw the only try of the first period, with a conversion and penalty giving Llangollen a one-point interval lead with Williams responding with three penalties.

With COBRA providing a more physical presence in the second period, they soon took a grip of proceedings as they attacked in telling fashion from the fringe of the rucks.

Alwyn Williams darted over for the first under the posts, and flanker Rees did likewise, while a third touchdown arrived when Llew Williams exploited a gap after Llangollen's defence had been sucked in.

With the visitors tiring, Roberts bagged a fourth try and a bonus point to seal the win that lifted COBRA up to second spot.

It's a big weekend with a trip to Llandudno, and the Llanfair Caereinion side have three forwards missing, two from the back row. However, skipper Aled Davies should return to boost the cause.

RUGBY

by John Bridgwater

SPORT

HOW THEY STAND

Wem Bowling League

FINAL TABLES

DIVISION 1	P	W	GW	Agg	Pts
Hanwood A...	20	15	124	555	154
Battlefield A...	20	14	115	385	145
Meole Brace A...	20	13	114	325	145
Newport A...	20	11	109	269	131
Ford A...	20	10	107	216	127
Sir John Bayley...	20	11	104	118	126
Portbury B...	20	9	99	245	114
Pontbury A...	20	8	91	239	107
Powbe A...	20	7	78	345	96
Rennan Services A...	20	4	83	499	81
Prince Hotel A...	20	6	77	550	89

DIVISION 2	P	W	GW	Agg	Pts
Hadley Usc...	20	17	143	943	177
Meole Brace C...	20	14	126	445	154
Unison A...	20	14	113	312	141
E & C Shawby...	20	10	109	138	129
Wem Bc A...	20	10	109	121	129
Bricklayers A...	20	10	99	8	119
Teleport A...	20	9	118	216	119
Bilton A...	20	9	88	206	106
Corbet B...	20	7	79	314	93
Barston Hill A...	20	6	76	507	88
Oxon A...	20	3	69	744	68

DIVISION 3	P	W	GW	Agg	Pts
Ilton B...	18	15	110	496	140
Wem Usc...	18	12	104	201	128
Errall Magna...	18	11	102	106	124
Baschurch A...	18	10	95	289	123
Oatby A...	18	10	97	254	123
Llanymynech...	18	7	86	91	102
Bricklayers B...	18	5	82	22	97
Corbet A...	18	6	72	335	95
Bilton B...	18	4	75	369	83
Meole Brace B...	18	4	67	529	75

DIVISION 4	P	W	GW	Agg	Pts
Wem Bc B...	18	16	125	896	157
Battlefield B...	18	15	114	521	146
Unison B...	18	12	100	241	124
Crescent...	18	10	97	265	119
Whittington...	18	10	96	152	115
Powbe B...	18	6	87	124	100
Pontbury C...	18	9	81	170	99
Minsterley A...	18	6	80	259	92
Ford B...	18	2	70	551	74
Teleport B...	18	1	51	471	54

DIVISION 5	P	W	GW	Agg	Pts
Dorington...	18	15	121	671	157
Portbury B...	18	14	112	477	142
Meole Brace D...	18	14	101	270	129
Greenfield...	18	12	95	59	116
Monkmoor A...	18	7	88	100	103
Rennan Services B...	18	7	83	78	101
Alchem...	18	6	85	92	97
Oatby B...	18	3	82	191	89
Bagley...	18	4	67	519	75
Saha...	18	4	63	521	71

DIVISION 6	P	W	GW	Agg	Pts
Newport B...	18	16	118	716	150
Hanwood B...	18	13	114	558	140
Minsterley B...	18	12	104	400	129
Monkmoor B...	18	11	105	240	127
Worthing & Brook...	18	7	88	185	102
Baschurch B...	18	9	81	185	99
Portbury D...	18	6	80	148	94
Oxon B...	18	6	78	441	91
Barston Hill B...	18	7	75	271	89
Prince Hotel B...	18	2	57	484	61

TOP AVERAGES	P	W	Agg
G Neal, Ford A...	20	16	114
D Rudrum, Newp A...	19	15	128
A Jones, Battlefield A...	19	15	103
M Beer, Battlefield A...	20	15	90
N Jones, Ilton A...	20	15	79

DIVISION 2	P	W	Agg
D Hanson, E&C Shawb...	18	17	192
B Chatham, Meole Br C...	20	17	112
S Lewis, Teleport A...	20	17	86
N Mullinder, Had USC...	19	16	117
J Lumsden, Corbet B...	20	16	109

DIVISION 3	P	W	Agg
L Peate, Ilton B...	17	15	121
C Smith, Wem Usc...	17	15	98
R Lawson, Baschurch A...	16	14	151
S Evans, Ilton B...	18	14	99
M Reeves, Wem USC...	16	13	136

DIVISION 4	P	W	Agg
A Hotchkiss, Crescent...	17	17	164
N Boxall, Wem BC B...	16	15	136
A Lewis, Crescent...	17	15	134
P Tommy, Wem BC B...	16	14	133
K Farr, Minsterley A...	18	14	104

DIVISION 5	P	W	Agg
G Shenton, Dorington...	18	15	149
D Higgins, Dorington...	18	15	106
E Jones, Portbury B...	15	14	163
M Jones, Meole Br D...	17	14	108
M James, Portbury B...	18	14	81

DIVISION 6	P	W	Agg
C Wright, Monkmoor B...	17	17	221
C Wright, Monkmoor B...	16	16	166
J Rowan, Portbury B...	16	15	171
N Barnett, Hanwood B...	18	14	112
S Lee, Baschurch B...	18	14	85

HENLE	P	W	Agg
Friendly Match: Henle Park GC won 5 1/2, Llanymynech GC 2 and a half.			

Ladies Am-Am: S Meehan, P Tattersall, D Nicol 65; S Llewellyn, S Evans & S Jones 64 (c/b); J Tuck, B Pritchard & B Aubrey 64.			
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N/P/B: S Jones, L/D 17th: A Bluck.			
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Captains 66es Competition Medal winners: C Thomas, K Wynne, F Rowson, & K McLean Ingils scoring 38 (c/b).			
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Stableford winners: S Baren, A Harris, R Collins & A Brown 20.			
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LLANMYNECH President's Day President's Prize winners: R Barbour & R McMahon nett 58.5			
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Men's competition: G Griffiths & G Phillips nett 66; A Roberts & T Jones nett 67.5; D Griffiths & K Lambourne nett 68.			
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Mixed competition: P Penrose & S Griffiths nett 62; S Gauge & C Broughall nett 62; A Williams & N Hughes nett 62.5.			
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Guests Prize: J & Watham.			
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WELSHPOOL Ladies Wm Horgan Cup: M Bowen gross 83+86.			
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Golfia Shield: M Bowen nett 68+71.			
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GUW Medal: M Bowen nett 72.			
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Hodnet score four to return to the top

GOALS from Martin Lalley, Andy Baker, Nick Capper and John Beckett sent Hodnet back to the top of the Mercian Regional Premier League on Saturday as they beat Weston Rhyn 4-1, writes CLIFF GREEN.

Elsewhere Oakengates were losing 2-1 at home to Ludlow for whom Sean Evans netted a brace meaning that Rhyn's victory climbed to the top of the table.

In division one, Oswestry Lions moved level on points with Prees in third by beating them 2-1 to record their fifth win from seven games.

Elsewhere there were good wins for Rock Rovers who beat Oswestry Boys Club 5-2 and Hopesgate who were grateful to a Ryan Edwards hat-trick in their 4-2 win at home to Morda Reserves.

Late goal secures Morda a point

A LATE goal from debutant Jason Williams enabled Morda to secure a vital point and break their run of home defeats.

A headed goal from skipper Sean Jones had put Shifnal ahead straight from the interval. Defender Williams capped an impressive 20 minutes as substitute, firing home following a corner two minutes from the end.

Morda started well with Dan Graham going close with an early volley. The visitors then began to settle. From one of several attacks Dan Biggins drew a fine save from home custodian Sam Jones.

At the other end, midfielder Steve Evans found Dan Graham whose

header was off target. Graham then was inches away from reaching a penetrating ball from the impressive Guy Guilford.

An accurate Shin Miah free kick was headed wide by Mike Lloyd leaving the scoreline blank at the interval.

Shifnal went ahead within a minute of the restart when central defender Sean Jones powered a firm header from a Dan Lucas corner into the net.

Morda struggled to find a way back. Gareth Lewis shot wide from another great ball from Guy Guilford then a Lewis pass was headed over by Dan Graham and Mike Lloyd went close with a header.

With 20 minutes remaining man-

ager Craig Rogers introduced new signing from Chirk, Jason Williams.

The young centre half impressed with his power in the air and some well timed tackles. However, it was up front that he made his biggest mark when he pounced after a corner bobbed about the box to fire into the roof of the net.

Despite a late flurry Morda were unable to find a winner and had to settle for a share of the points.

Next Saturday, Morda entertain Wellington Amateurs Reserves. The kick-off at Weston Road will be at 3pm.

Morda Reserves, who suffered a 4-2 defeat away at Hopesgate Utd, travel to Wroxeter Rovers in the Mercian League Division One.

Evans grabs five as Oswestry start campaign with goal goal

Final disappointment for Ceiriog Valley

CEIRIOG VALLEY suffered another dose of heartache in the Applewood Oswestry Bowls League.

Having been pipped to the Division One title by Criffins, Valley hoped for compensation when their A team reached finals night of the season-ending floodlit competition. They beat Corven in the semi-final of the four-a-side KO, while Chirk were disposing of Ruabon A.

But Ceiriog came unstuck in the final and lost all four games as Chirk took the title.

Some 31 teams entered the competition and the league now looks forward to its presentation evening at the Last Inn, Hengoed on Saturday.



Floodlit joy for Chirk's squad (from left) Gareth Williams, Andrew Pearce, Craig Lewis, Mike Hughes and Michael Evans.

Trophy win just like old times for Dave

EXPERIENCED DUO Dave Caldwell and Nick Kelly have continued their timeless association with the Brian Lewis Trophy.

The pair linked up to claim victory after one of the most prestigious foursomes competitions in Shropshire & Herefordshire attracted a high-class field at Church Stretton.

And it continued a remarkable record for four-handicapper Kelly, who was competing over his home course, and Llanymynech's Caldwell, who plays off five.

Kelly has now won the event in the last four decades, having previously tasted success with John Griffiths twice and Jonathan Gidney while Caldwell has also been a victor in the 1990s and 2000s with Dave Lewis and Basil Griffiths.

"It's great to win it again," said Kelly. "Dave and I have been playing foursomes together for a few years and we have done pretty well without doing anything like this. We had a good first round and then it was a case of just holding it together."

With a combined handicap of nine, Kelly

and Caldwell were not among the pre-tournament favourites.

But a stunning three-hole stretch at the end of the first round proved crucial to their triumph.

Caldwell held the pair's second shot for an eagle at the par-four 15th and the duo followed up with birdies at the next two holes.

That four-under-par contributed to a one-under-par round of 65 and Caldwell and Kelly again turned on the style over the closing holes after lunch, picking up shots at the final two holes for a second round 69 to win by two.

Rounds of 67 and 69 saw Hawkstone Park's England international Ashley Chesters and Shrewsbury's Barry Ruddick into second with 136 while scores of 71 and 67 gave Oswestry's Lee Anslow and Chris Male take third.

■ Kelly had another big date on his golfing agenda this afternoon when he took on his brother John in the final of the Church Stretton Club Championship, the first time they have gone head-to-head in the event.

Bailey shot was only parred out by Foxes' keeper Ritchie Harris.

Herbert restored the Foxes' 2 goal cushion when he made it 3-1 on the hour.

Market's fightback started with Will Gilbert scoring after 65 minutes and Karl Bailey grabbing the equaliser in the 82nd minute.

Market thought they had scored a winner in the 87th minute but the goal was disallowed for offside.

The Keys 5 The Plough 1

The Keys move up into second place in the league after beating fellow newcomers The Plough 5-1.

Ryan Leightwood, Craig Sudlow and Nick Jones put the Keys 3-0 up before Adam Edwards pulled one back for the Plough.

Benji Evans made it 4-1 early in the second half with Leightwood getting his second and the Keys' fifth with the goal of the game, finding the net from the corner of the edge of the box into the roof of the net.

Oswestry Bell 6 Oak Inn 1

Oswestry Bell came from a goal down to beat the Oak Inn 6-1.

Dean Graham scored for the Oak on 35 minutes, and went in 1-

0 up at half-time. Bell were level after just 40 seconds of the second half with Paul Baché scoring.

Matt Jones scored twice, Dylan Ellis and a brace from Jack Harris all scoring in the second half for the Bell.

Dudleston Heath 8 Black Lion Colts 2

Last season's leading goalscorer Guy Guilford scored a hat-trick as Dudleston Heath beat Black Lion Colts 8-2.

Dave Edge put Dudleston 1-0 up after just three minutes. Ben Slawson bagged a brace

and taking Oswestry into double figures.

With more goals appearing in the Yardley defence, Oswestry piled on the pressure, and even centre-back David Prince moved into attack and made chances for himself.

In the closing moments of the game, a link-up between Evans and Wilson saw Evans score again, to take his own total to five and the team's to 11.

After their sizzling start to the season Oswestry's next game is against Ludlow at The Marches School at 12noon on Saturday.

Power show lifts Ben to second spot

MID WALES racing driver Ben Power has moved up to second place in the UK Legends Car Championship table after recording a double victory at Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire.

Power, aged 22, from Guilsfield, near Welshpool, won in his fourth year in the hotly-contested Legends series, scored his first win in the formula on the Saturday, and followed up with his second the next day.

"It was an amazing weekend," said Power, who also recorded a fourth, sixth, eighth, and third-place finish in the weekend's other races.

Overall, he placed third on the Saturday and second on the Sunday to move into second place in the championship table behind clear leader Lawrence Davies.

Lakeside hails the league successes

THE Summer Leagues came to a conclusion last week at Lakeside Golf Club with exciting finishes in all categories.

Leon Duvalier was rewarded for his determined play throughout the year by securing the Net Summer League Championship.

Close behind in runners-up spot was Andrew Wyatt, just edging one of the club's most consistent players this year, Joe Davies, into third position.

Davies did, however, get his reward for another fantastic year by winning the Gross Summer League Championship for the second year running.

Club captain Doug Anderson also replicated his finish of last year by securing runners-up spot, with Kevin Lloyd's fine play rewarding him with third place on the podium.

This year's Junior Summer League title was a close-fought affair, with Charlie Reynolds coming out top - and ending a fine season playing off an impressive handicap of 13.

Past Junior captain George Davies was spot for the second year running just edged into runners-up spot with the younger Reynolds brother Bill taking third position.

An 18-hole Stableford was contested at the weekend to commemorate the opening of Lakeside Golf Shop.

Lady member Becky Sutton (31) continued her recent excellent form to take top spot in this event with an exhilarating 41 Stableford points.

PLACINGS

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier division: Church Stretton 3, Allicott 1; FC Hodnet 4, Weston Rhyn 1; Kettley Bank Utd 1; FC Hodnet Amateurs Reserves 1; Kettley Bank Utd 2; Oswestry Boys Club 1; Athletic 1; AFC Ludlow 2.

Division one: Bishops Castle Town 11, Woodworking Wood 7, Morda 1, Cleve 2, Kettley Town 5, Hopesgate Utd 4, Morda Utd Reserves 2; Madeley Sports 1, Wroxeter Rovers 2; Oswestry Lions 2, Prees 1; Rock Rovers 5; Oswestry Boys Club 2; Shawbury Utd Reserves 0, Brown Cleve 1.

Division two: Albrighton Juniors 0, Claverley 5, Ashford Bromley 12, Darlington 0, Chirk Ercall 8, Donnington Sports & Social 1, Edgmond Rangers 1, Market Drayton Tigers 1; Madeley Sports Reserves 1, Impact Utd 2; Spelling Britannia 2, Oakengates Rangers 5, Woodworking Wood 2, Highbury Miners Welfare 0.

PREMIER DIVISION

FC Hodnet.....	8	5	1	15	6	17
Church Stretton.....	9	5	2	18	15	17
Oakengates Ath.....	8	5	2	19	10	16
Telford Juniors.....	6	4	0	12	6	14
AFC Ludlow.....	6	4	1	17	10	13
Allicott.....	7	4	3	19	13	12
Morda United.....	6	3	2	12	9	9
Shifnal United 97.....	8	2	4	11	14	8
Dawley Town.....	4	1	2	4	9	4
Whitchurch Alp R.....	6	1	4	8	14	4
Wellington Ams R ...	7	1	5	10	19	4
Weston Rhyon.....	7	1	5	7	16	4
Ketley Bank Utd.....	8	1	6	10	21	4

SPORT

Saints are shooting stars as they go top

The New Saints 5
Port Talbot 0

A FIRST half hat-trick from Alex Darlington propelled The New Saints back to the summit of the Welsh Premier as they cantered to victory over 10-man Port Talbot at Park Hall.

Having lost pole position for a matter of hours after Prestatyn's 4-1 win against Connah's Quay the night before, the defending champions wasted little time as they regained top spot by effectively wrapping up the points by half-time.

By then the Saints were four

goals to the good, while the Steelmen's slim hopes of retrieving the game vanished after defender Paul Keddlie was red-carded midway through the half.

Head coach Carl Darlington was delighted with the manner of victory which means TNS have now netted eight goals in their last two games.

"Having not scored in three games before then, it has been a great response and we have now silenced our critics with three goals against Bangor and now five against Port Talbot," he said.

"It could have been a lot more last Saturday, our movement off the ball was tremendous and our

decision making was spot on. We looked a really good team, and it was a really good team performance.

"As well as scoring the goals, it is pleasing that we kept another clean sheet. Our goalkeeper Paul Harrison needn't have been there last Saturday, which says a lot, not just for the defence, but for the work-rate of all the players off the ball."

The impressive Alex Darlington gave the Oswestry hosts a flying start with a fifth minute opener, firing in an angled shot off the post after latching onto a Chris Jones through ball following a build-up on the right involving Simon

Spender. Port Talbot struggled to make any real impression, with home stopper Paul Harrison having no save of note to make throughout, and their hopes of getting back into the game faded midway through the first half.

Keddlie was ruled to have pulled back Chris Jones as he advanced into the box on 25 minutes, and was promptly red-carded by referee Nick Pratt despite the protests of Talbot boss Mark Jones. Darlington stepped up to neatly convert the penalty past keeper Craig Richards.

Talbot were now on the back foot, and home midfielder Chris Seargeant then made it three on 39

minutes when curling home a right-footed effort after playing a short corner with Jones.

With the cushion already comfortable enough, there was still time for a fourth goal two minutes later as Sam Finley won the ball in midfield. He found Mike Wilde, who in turn released Darlington, who drove his shot into the bottom of the net to complete a fine hat-trick.

The second half proved an academic affair, but the Saints made it five on the hour mark as Wilde made it two goals in as many games when tapping in from close range after a shot from Aeron Edwards had been blocked.

Junior football scene

LLANYMYNECH JUNIORS

UNDER 9
Oswestry Boys Club 3

LLANYMYNECH travelled the short distance to Park Hall and came across a spirited Oswestry team.

The first half produced four goals, two for Thomas Williams and two for the home side.

The second half saw the same well-balanced game with Llanymynech taking the lead through a great goal from Leon Evans, only for Oswestry to equalise again.

Man of the match Nick Negri then popped up with the away side's fourth goal to clinch the win.

UNDER 10

Merisiders 0
Llanymynech 2

Llanymynech played some good football in the first half in an attacking open game against their Shrewsbury hosts.

Despite many good chances being created by both teams, it was a thunderbolt strike from the half-way line that rocketed into the roof of the net from Will Morris that gave the visitors a 1-0 lead at half-time.

Llanymynech stayed focused in the second half, absorbing some early pressure from the spirited home team.

However, following a period of good possession from the visitors, Alfie Lloyd calmly slotted home a second goal for Llanymynech to seal a 2-0 win.

UNDER 11

Prees 0 Llanymynech 3

Llanymynech put in another strong performance at Prees, coming away with a well-deserved win.

Ollie Roberts, Lloyd Parr and Tomos Horn each grabbed a goal.

Man of the Match was shared by goalkeeper Charlie Wines and Tomos Horn.

UNDER 13

Llanymynech Dragons 0

Baschurch came to Llanymynech and were rewarded with an early goal after starting the match the brighter side.

They continued to put pressure on their hosts but Llanymynech were matching the away side and, even though this game finished 5-0, it was a lot closer than that.

Llanymynech did not let their heads drop and managed to match their visitors in every department other than putting the ball in the net.

Despite the result, this was a good performance from Llanymynech and one that can take a great deal of pride from.

UNDER 13 LIONS

Llanymynech 2 Worthen 3

This was an excellent game of football played in a great spirit between two well-balanced sides.

There were several chances at both ends and both sides had goalkeepers who were in good form, producing many vital saves.

Worthen took the early advantage when, against the run of play, they broke away and fired in the first.

Llanymynech then had a goal disallowed for hand ball, quickly followed by a Worthen goal being ruled off-side.

Llanymynech got their first goal after an excellent piece of work by Xavie Clarke who beat two players and then crossed for Warren Roberts to bundle home the ball.

The game was now end-to-end but it was Worthen who had the advantage at half-time when a cross-cum-shot found its way into the top corner.

The second half started in the same way the first finished, with both teams having chances.

But when Worthen scored another breakthrough goal with 10 minutes to go the game looked lost.

Llanymynech, however, dug deep and created a number of chances, hitting the bar and post and forcing the away keeper into a string of good saves.

With four minutes to go, Harry Pritchard bundled the ball in from a corner to make it 3-2, and even though Llanymynech produced three more good chances in the last few minutes, they could not find the way past the Worthen keeper.

There were several notable performances with Rhys Pain continuing his good form in midfield.

UNDER 14

Llanymynech 2 Shrewsbury Juniors 4

Llanymynech gave a determined display and were two goals up after 20 minutes.

From Dan Pritchard and a long-range effort from Alex Hall.

Shrewsbury, however, finished the half well, and when

they grabbed a goal just before half-time, it gave them the momentum.

In the second half Shrewsbury continued where they finished the first, and even though Llanymynech battled well, Shrewsbury were able to score three more goals to complete the victory.

Tom Ellis was the home side's man of the match for his left-back display.

OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB

UNDER 8
Oswestry Lions 10

Llanymynech 5

Having gone 1-0 down to a early goal, Oswestry then settled down to good possession and passing and were soon back on level terms.

The Lions took control and in a flurry of goals managed to hit double figures.

Oswestry scorers were Sam Owen (2), Harry Darley (2), Oakley Taylor (2), George Chapman, Joseph Davies, Ben Frost and Oscar Herd.

Alfie Herd was named man of the match.

UNDER 9

Oswestry Tigers 3

Llanymynech 4

The Tigers played host to Llanymynech in the first ever meeting between the two teams. The home side started off well but it was Llanymynech who took the lead from a corner.

The Tigers immediately replied through Oly Evans.

The game was a very even contest with both sets of players giving 100 per cent effort and the first half ended 1-1.

The second half was just as exciting as the first and a superb strike from outside the box from Charlie Morris gave the Tigers the lead.

But this was not as long as

Llanymynech replied to bring the game back to level pegging.

The Tigers played some lovely football just as their managers want them to, and were rewarded when Thomas Arthur hit a ball into the opposition box which bounced over the goalie's head to give the Tigers the lead again.

Not be outdone, Llanymynech replied to bring the game level again.

Either team could have settled the game but the visitors scored with what turned out to be the last kick of the game.

The Tigers man of the match was Charlie Morris.

UNDER 10

Ultimates 2

Market Drayton Tigers 6

The Ultimates went down to an unfortunate defeat against a strong Market Drayton team.

Both goals for the home side came from Robbie Bateman. Man of the match was Cameron Griffith Morris.

UNDER 12

Oswestry Boys Club 11

Whitechurch Alport 1

Ollie Evans hit a hat-trick in a goal spree for Oswestry. Sam Norwood (2), Ben Thompson, Zak Evans, Huw France, Lewis Stewart, Lloyd Evans and Tom Ellis also hit the net.

UNDER 13

Meole Brace Juniors 1

Oswestry 2

Both teams defended superbly and chances were kept to a minimum so that half-time came with the score 0-0.

Straight after the interval, a long ball forward was flicked on by Will Baker and Brandon Rogers rounded the keeper to open the scoring for visitors.

Meole Brace kept battling and were awarded a penalty for handball midway through the second half. The penalty was converted rather fortuitously when the player stubbed his toe in the pitch and watched as the ball trickled past the Oswestry keeper.

The game was end-to-end, but it was Oswestry who came out on top when Lewis Birch scored a superb goal, arcing the ball from the corner of the box across the keeper.

Man of the match was Connor Williams.

Next week Oswestry are away at Worthen.

UNDER 14

Oswestry 2 Bayston Hill 1

Oswestry came in to this game full of confidence after last week's success and wasted no time taking the game straight to the visitors.

Oswestry soon got their noses in front with a goal through ball from Reece Jones which Charlie Harding latched on to and finished neatly.

Oswestry soon doubled their tally with David France finishing off nicely from a Charlie Harding corner.

But it was the visitors who started the second half brightly and pulled a goal back early on.

They kept the pressure on the home side but, with Oswestry's defence standing firm, it was the hosts who grabbed all three points.

Llanrhaeadr batter down the matches to secure away win

Criftins Tennis finals day winners



Men's doubles winners Lorne Whitmarsh and Greg Dyke with the trophy after beating Philo Whitmarsh and Jacob Swaine who is not on the photo



Under-12 singles finalists Dylan Evans (left) and Oliver Harris

CRIFTINS Tennis Club's annual finals day was a super success - despite wind playing havoc.

The finals got under way at 9am and featured 13 junior and senior finals that ended with presentations as

the heavens opened at around 5.30pm.

Finals day is a culmination of 18 events that started back in May to the beginning of September, leading to qualification for almost 30 members to take part in the finals, so it is quite a

club celebration, with around 60 people attending on Sunday the day to support the players.

The presentation of trophies was overseen by chairman Clive Knight and men's club captain Tush Maitra.



Mini Red winner Tom Hopton and runner-up Amy Evans



The ladies doubles winners Sheila Williams and Rose Dorset with the trophy after beating Karen Lawrence (left) and Megan Leelin the final

Monty hand Four Crosses season's first defeat

MONTGOMERY put paid to Four Crosses' unbeaten start to the season as they secured a 3-2 win over their Spar Mid Wales League rivals in the second round of the FAW Trophy.

Goals from Tom Evans, Paul Evans and Barry Bellis sealed the win to boost Monty, who will take plenty of satisfaction from the victory after a mixed start to the season.

However, Four Crosses boss Nick Poppyk was far from happy with the competition ruling that only the referee can make an off-side judgement, which led to a controversial third goal from Bellis.

"It's ridiculous in a competition like this not to have linesmen flagging for offside, just for when the ball goes out of play," he said. "The

ref said he would do all the offside, but there was only one offside decision in the whole game.

"While their first goal may have been offside, the third goal for Barry Bellis was clearly three or four yards offside. We certainly won't be entering this competition next season if this rule stands."

"The ref had a nightmare, but having said that Montgomery deserved to go through and we wish them well for the next round."

Monty deservedly led 2-0 at half-time through goals from the two Evans, Paul and Tom, but the visitors hit back after the break with a good individual effort from Jack Harris.

Bellis, however, restored the two-goal cushion in contentious

fashion, and Crosses then had John Butler sent off for violent conduct as he retaliated in a skirmish with Tom Evans who himself received a booking.

Owen Wilcock reduced the arrears after Harris pulled the ball back, but it was all too late for the visitors.

Four Crosses are in Welsh Cup action this weekend with a home tie against Llanrug United. Butler is suspended while Andy Webb and Ben Oakley face fitness checks, but Scott Graham returns after suspension. New signing Dean Graham must wait on international clearance.

Struggling to raise a side, WELSHPOOL TOWN were forced to concede their clash at in-form division two title chasers LLAN-

FAIR UNITED, while it was a similar story as LLANYFYLLIN pulled out of their trip to Caernarfon.

It was a disappointing day for BERRIEW who crashed out 6-1 at Spar Mid Wales League division two side Machynlleth.

In the other games that were played, Carno went out 2-1 at home to Llandrindod Wells while Bow Street pulled off a 1-0 win over fancied Llanidloes Town.

Goals from Will Pritchard and Charlie Proctor helped WATERLOO ROVERS make up ground on the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders with a 2-1 home verdict over LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE.

Unbeaten Aberaeron moved joint top with Four Crosses despite being held 0-0 by visiting New-

bridge, while Dolgellau remain in the lower reaches of the table after crashing 4-1 at Builth Wells whose Sam Williams and Steve Morgan both scored twice.

In division two, ABERMULE moved clear of the basement after winning 3-1 while Kerry drew 0-0 at mid-table rivals Rhosgoch.

It's Welsh Cup weekend with several local sides looking to keep their flag flying in the prestigious competition. First round fixtures include: Coedpoeth v Caersws, Flint v Guilsfield, Four Crosses v Llanrug United, Gwalchmai v Carno, Halkyn v Llanidloes Town.

Holyhead Hotspur v Llansantffraid Village, Llanrhaeadr v Glan Conwy, Venture Community v Montgomery Town, Waterloo Rovers v Rhydymwyn, Presteigne v Penryncoch, Rhayader Town v Risca United.

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Gardner foresees better to come

UNDER-PRESSURE Ellesmere Rangers boss Richard Gardner believes his side have turned the corner despite last night's 3-1 loss to Gornal Athletic in the MFA Polymac Packaging League Cup.

Rangers are bottom of the Midland Football Alliance table having only picked up two points all season, and they slipped to a first-round defeat to Gornal at the Garden Walk Stadium.

Ricky Dumbrell had given Rangers a surprise lead in the 15th minute but the hosts were back on level terms before half-time when Ravi Sangha equalised in the 33rd minute.

Midfielder Sam Heenan was harshly sent off and Gornal then turned the screw in the second half and went ahead through Marvin Nisbett 11 minutes after the break.

Rangers showed plenty of fight to remain in the game until the Peacocks rounded off the scoring with a third goal from Connor Gater in injury time.

Fight

"I am under pressure but there is always pressure in football whether you are at the top of the league or at the bottom," said player-manager Gardner.

"When you are in the situation we are in you start to look over shoulder but I saw enough from the players against Gornal to suggest this could be a turning point for us and hopefully it will."

"I was pleased because we showed a lot of fight and had Sam not been sent off there's every chance we could have won the game because that was moment in the match when things changed."

Gornal's manager came into our dressing room afterwards and said as much. I don't think we're as bad as some of the results we've had. We don't seem to be getting any of the breaks at the moment."

"The challenge now is for us to replicate that type of display at Stratford Town, who are obviously flying high at the top of the league."

"We have a lot of players missing so hopefully some of them will be back and available because we need everyone at the moment."

Ellesmere will be seeking their elusive first victory of the season when they travel to Stratford Town on Saturday, but they won't be in for an easy ride against the unbeaten league leaders, who have a perfect record on home turf so far this season.

QUAY MOMENT IN SAINTS TITLE QUEST

THE NEW SAINTS look to maintain their winning ways in the Welsh Premier when they renew acquaintance with GAP Connah's Quay in Saturday's televised clash at the Deeside Stadium.

Home victories against Bangor City (3-0) and Port Talbot (5-0) see the Saints top on goal difference, but they expect a tricky trip to a Quay side who have made an encouraging return to the top flight with four wins from seven outings.

It will be the first meeting between the sides since February 2009, when the Saints won 2-0 with goals from Tommy Holmes and Jamie Wood, and Saturday's encounter will be screened live on S4C, with a 3.45pm kick-off.

TNS head coach Carl Darlington admits it will be a tricky assignment for the defending champions who have kept five clean sheets in their last six outings.

"We've been to watch them and we know quite a bit about their personnel and their style of play (3-5-2) which has been successful for them," he said.

"They are a good team which has been shown by the results they've had this season, but we have to concentrate on ourselves and stick to our strategy and make sure we keep our good run going."

As well as back-to-back league wins, TNS also progressed to the Welsh Premier Cup

quarter-finals with a mid-week 2-0 win at Prestatyn, Ryan Fraughan netting both the goals to stake his claims for a recall.

The Saints rang the changes for the game with the likes of defenders Phil Baker and Connall Rawlinson also getting a run-out, along with several young guns, and Darlington admits he and director of football Craig Harrison have plenty of selection options for Saturday's outing.

Intense

"It was a comfortable win, a very pleasing performance considering we made eight changes to the starting line-up," added Darlington. "We gave the young lads an opportunity and Ryan showed what a talented player he is and is pushing for a return. Competition is very intense, we now have cover in every position at the club."

While Fraughan and Baker are pushing for recalls, striker Greg Draper is still not fully fit following illness which kept him out of the midweek action.

Meanwhile, four TNS players have been named in the Wales semi-professional under-23 squad to face Turkey at Port Talbot's GenQuip Stadium on Tuesday, October 16.

The team is captained by Saints defender Kai Edwards, while team-mates, midfielders Aaron Edwards and Chris Jones, and striker Alex Darlington are also named.

Wales won their first game in the tournament 2-1 away in Estonia, but were well-beaten 4-0 in Norway.

by John Bridgwater

Double-up for Fraughan on Saints return

Prestatyn 0 The New Saints 2

RYAN Fraughan marked his return to action with a first-half brace as The New Saints moved into the quarter-finals of the Word Welsh Premier Cup with a comfortable victory at Bastion Gardens.

Having been on the bench for his side's last two outings, Fraughan made the most of his chance with goals on eight minutes and the half-hour to ensure a smooth passage.

The former Stockport wideman certainly enjoys playing against Prestatyn, having also netted twice in TNS' 4-1 league win over the Seasiders earlier in the season.

And it took him just four minutes to break the deadlock when, after being set up by Scott Ruscoe, he crashed a 25-yard strike past keeper Jon Hill Dunt.

Despite making a string of changes, TNS continued to dominate and the doubled their lead on the half-hour as a stray crossfield pass was intercepted by Jason Lampkin who released Fraughan to provide a neat finish.

Scott Quigley and Christian Seargeant were among those to spurn further chances for the Saints, who could have won by more.

In the last eight, TNS will meet either Bala Town or Bangor City, whose scheduled clash was postponed a second time due to a waterlogged pitch. That tie will now be played next Tuesday.

Updated quarter final draw: Bala Town or Bangor City v TNS, Gap Connah's Quay v Penryncoch or Airbus, Bryntirion Athletic or Carmarthen Town v Port Talbot, Llanelly v Afan Lido.

COBRA seal super victory



COBRA get to grips with Llangollen during the weekend clash between the two sides. It was COBRA who emerged victorious in the derby. See page 53 for full report.

Lilywhites looking to overcome player crisis

WELSHPOOL TOWN hope to shrug off their player shortage as they gear up for a crucial Spar Mid Wales League division one clash at basement side Dyffryn Banw on Saturday.

An injury crisis resulted in Pool conceding last Saturday's FAW Trophy tie at Llanfair United as they could not raise a side, but they've now been able to regroup and focus on this weekend's clash.

"We've got more than a whole team missing at the moment," said boss Dave Jones. "We've not had much luck, it's been one thing after another."

"We were scraping around for 11 players last week. We then lost Ross Harris, and in the end had no choice but to concede the game."

"But we're confident of having a team for Saturday, which is an important game for us as it's one we really need to win. If we can win, we will be

up to ninth, which is not too bad considering the problems we've had."

"However, Banw will also see it as an opportunity to get their first points of the season, so it's a big game for both sides."

Welshpool's last league outing saw a much-needed 4-1 win at Dolgellau two weeks ago, and Jones is confident the team he will put out on Saturday will be as good, if not a little stronger, than that day, barring any late disasters.

The Lilywhites have been struggling for a goalkeeper this season, but 17-year-old Stewart Evans, who lives in Wrexham, has joined from the TNS academy. Jones, meanwhile, has put seven days' notice of approach on a couple of players.

Pool go into Saturday's game in 12th position with two wins to their names, while Banw prop up the table without a point.

Monty get home comfort in draw

MONTGOMERY's reward for their 3-2 victory over Four Crosses in the FAW Trophy is a home tie with Spar Mid Wales League two title chasers Llandrindod Wells in the third round.

On-form Llanfair United, who had a bye in the last round after Welshpool failed to raise a team, face a trip to Anglesey when they take on Llanfairpwll.

Third round ties involving Spar Mid Wales League sides: Borras Park Albion v Presteigne, Bow Street v Glan Conwy, Denbigh Town v Tywyn Bryncreg, Llanfairpwll v Llanfair Utd, Machynlleth v Amlwch Town, Montgomery Town v Llandrindod Wells.

Ties to be played on Saturday, October 20.

Meanwhile, the prestigious Welsh Cup takes centre stage this Saturday, with several intriguing ties.

WATERLOO ROVERS, going well in the fifth spot in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, have a big day as they look to overcome Cymru Alliance visitors Rhydymwyn while Four Crosses host Llanrug United, looking to bounce back from last week's FAW Trophy exit.

Elsewhere, Llansantffraid Village face a trek when they head to Anglesey to take on Holyhead Hotspur.

Oswestry remain top of league

OSWESTRY ladies hockey side sit top of the Cheshire League division three table despite not playing over the weekend.

The club's scheduled fixture at home to Newton-le-Willows was conceded by the visitors who couldn't find an umpire.

That meant Oswestry were awarded a 3-0 victory to follow up their thumping 14-1 opening day triumph over Buckley.

Oswestry will be looking to maintain top spot when they travel to Wilmslow III this weekend.

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